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Notes and Comments.

The National Labour Party and Women's Suffrage.

"A Fresh Pledge to the Women" is the heading which the *Daily Citizen* gave to its report of the last day's sitting of the Labour Party Conference at Glasgow. By an almost unanimous vote the Conference reaffirmed its decision of last January to oppose any further extension of the franchise to men unless women are included in it. The most significant thing about this vote (which was carried "by a roar of assent") was the fact that it obtained the support of the Miners' Federation. Two years ago the Miners voted against a resolution stating that "no franchise Bill would be acceptable to the Labour Party" which did not include the enfranchisement of women. Last year, when the Women's Suffrage Resolution was couched in much stronger terms, the Miners were divided on the point, and did not vote; this year they were as enthusiastic in their support as any body represented at the Conference. The action of the largest and most powerful of the Trade Unions is typical of the rapid and steady advance which the Women's Cause is making throughout the country. The whole atmosphere has changed, and nowhere is the change more visible or more inspiring than in the ranks of Labour. The whole Conference, according to Suffragists who were present, was a proof that among the workers at least it is realised that the Suffrage movement is an essential part of democracy.

The North-West Durham By-election.

The North-West Durham by-election shows an enormous fall in the Liberal poll. It has been reduced by 2,494 votes, and as the Unionist increase is only 737, it is clear that most of the transference has been in favour of Labour. The total poll was a very heavy one, and Mr. Stuart has every reason to hope, as he does, that next time he will be returned in triumph to the House of Commons. Speaking of recent by-elections, the *Times* says that the intervention of Labour "has been justified by strong working-class support in Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cheshire, Durham, and Scotland . . . Labour has been 'a good third' in several elections, and its large poll in Oldham, Crewe, Mid-Lothian, and South Lanark, had much to do with the capture of those seats from the Government."

Women and the Empire.

At the recent Indian Social Conference at Kurachi, *India* reports among other resolutions one condemning the employment of nautch girls. We understand that a regular agitation is being organised against nautches, on the grounds that the dances are indecent and the dancers practically dedicated to a life of shame. This agitation is being organised and led not by Englishmen only or chiefly, but by the most public-spirited and enlightened of our Indian fellow-subjects. An appeal is made to Englishwomen to refuse to be present at entertainments which include nautch dancing. Indian ladies would not attend them, and it is a severe commentary on the custom of keeping women ignorant and assuring them that they are "not concerned with Imperial affairs," that such an appeal should be necessary. There is no question, however Imperial, on which an Imperial race can afford to leave its women ignorant on the ground that they are not concerned. They are concerned, and deeply concerned, in such a question as this.

Home Rule All Round.

The question of Home Rule All Round will be discussed by the Annual Committee of the Convention of Burghs (Scotland) next week, and it is suggested that the franchise for National Parliaments should include women. By all means. We shall be interested to see how many Anti-suffragists are consistent in their support of women's franchise in local government.

A Commission Without Women.

A Commission has been appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury and York to consider the relations of the Established Church and the State. It is entirely composed of men. Are we to understand that there are no women with intelligence and knowledge in the Anglican Church, or that the Church is not their affair? Mrs. Creighton and Mrs. Paget seem to most people to refute the first claim and even the German Emperor denies the second. But what then is the explanation?

Women Solicitors.

We are glad to know that a Bill is to be introduced by Lord Robert Cecil next session, making women eligible to practise as solicitors. We are of opinion that (exclusive of the Suffrage) no advance can be suggested of greater importance to us than that of throwing open the legal professions to women. It is second only to that, already won, of the medical profession. An entirely new understanding of the attitude of the law towards life, as distinct from property; a revolution in its attitude towards women, at present too often an insulting "favouritism" with brutal disregard, would, we are convinced, be the result of this reform. "Revolution" is not too strong a word when one remembers how women doctors have taught us all that women are not "natural invalids," but naturally sane and strong.

Women at the Pit Brow.

We deeply regret the decision of the New Charlston Colliery owners to dismiss the women working at the pit brow. If it is a fact that men are honestly convinced that this work is "unwomanly" they should be compelled to face the fact that the women do not agree with them, have at least as good a right to their opinion, and in any case must find work somewhere. What do those who throw them out of work propose instead?

Education and Common-Sense.

We might equally well head this paragraph "Education and Women." The whole problem of educational advance demands for its solution the knowledge and common-sense of those people who, in the natural order of things, know most about children—namely, women. An article in the *Times* Educational Supplement of February 3rd, asserts once more that the defects of the old system of evening classes were due to the fatigue of pupils, teachers, and inspectors. The idea of tired teachers teaching tired boys and girls is one which women with all their imperfections would never have thought worth wasting money on.

"Particularly the Boys."

The *Times* goes on:—"It is obvious that if the children, *and particularly the boys*, are to take advantage of the newly-arranged courses of instruction, they cannot tack this serious study on to the end of a long day's labour which fully exhausts their energy." The girls presumably can do so, at least more easily than the boys, no doubt because of their superior physical strength and intellectual ardour. It is a great, if inconvenient compliment to the girls, and looks all the more imposing by contrast with another article on "Technical Training" in which "children" and "boys" are used interchangeably. It does not appear that the world contains any girls; or, if it does, they are too brilliant to require any training for their work.

The Bishop of London and Forcible Feeding.

All humane people, whether Suffragists or not, must have read with deep relief the report of the Bishop of London after his visit to Holloway. The terrible stories circulated about Miss Rachel Peace's state of mind and body have given the greatest distress even to those who most disapproved of "militant" methods. Dr. Winnington-Ingram, who has seen and talked with her, reports her well in health, and his assurances will be accepted by all unprejudiced persons—and surely, most of all by those who insisted on making him the judge. The suggestion that the Bishop did not really see Miss Peace at all, but somebody else, is too absurd to be seriously considered. Miss Peace must be liberated eventually, and the deception practised on the Bishop would be made plain. At the same time, we feel that if Miss Peace has been forcibly fed for weeks (a point which is not made clear in the published reports of the incident), her state of health seems to show that forcible feeding can be conducted in a way not dangerous to health, even when the victim resists. In that case, why has such terrible injury as was inflicted, for example, on Miss Lenton, ever occurred? And if it did not occur, why was Miss Lenton released? It looks as though forcible feeding were done brutally or—as far as such a disgusting business is compatible with humanity—humanely, according to the whim of the prison authorities, and we therefore welcome the report that the Bishop intends to pursue his inquiries.

Catherine Breshkovsky.

English newspapers have recorded the escape from Siberia and recapture of an old lady of seventy. Here is her story.

Catherine Breshkovsky commenced her lifework in 1871, when about twenty-six years of age. She and her husband were both of gentle birth and were landowners in the South. Imbued with the same ideas, they went among the peasantry teaching the laws of reform and freedom. With a soul overflowing with pity for them and their conditions of life, she worked for their enlightment and emancipation. Husband and wife, however, soon incurred the displeasure of the authorities, and were placed under police supervision, until one day when they were given the choice between a peaceful life and abstinence from politics or facing the inevitable exile of the Russian revolutionist. Her husband chose the former, and she left him. It was the turning point in her life, for she determined to follow out the career that seemed to have been marked out for her. Her action certainly refutes Tolstoy's words :—

"Woman is not equal to man in the highest qualities, being incapable of such sacrifice. Men will at times sacrifice their families to an idea, woman never."

If renunciation is the first element essential for carrying out any great purpose, Catherine Breshkovsky's work should be crowned with success. She was deprived of all claim to property and social rights. In order to be able to mix unreservedly among the peasants and pilgrims, and also to evade the supervision of the police more easily, she stained her face and hands dark and donned the coarsest garments and boots of the people. However, in 1873 she was arrested and kept imprisoned. It was years before the sentence of penal servitude to Siberia was passed on her, and all this time she was longing for activity. The transport to Siberia was made over 5,000 miles of indescribable roads in springless carts. We may find a description of the suffering and privations of the prisoners on their way in the pages of "Resurrection," but what she endured during those years of penal servitude no pen has yet described. "Grannie" fought every kind of privation and misery in the terrible prisons of Siberia, worked in the mines, and lived in villages bordering on the Arctic, hundreds of miles away from any civilised being. She attempted escape several times, tramping on foot for days, only to be recaptured and sent back to harder forms of punishment than before; but from the foulest cells, the lengthiest hunger strikes, her dauntless spirit emerged fresh and unbroken. Her first term of imprisonment ended in 1896. On her return to Russia she continued her political propaganda. In spite of all she had endured, her interest in the cause she had embraced never abated. She took an active part on the committees of the "Black Reformers," "People's Liberators," and "Land and Freedom," maintaining intercourse with all the powerful agitators of her time, her reticent and circumspect character surrounding her with a halo in the eyes of the desperate men around her.

At an important meeting held at Geneva, "Grannie's" attention was drawn to a man, prominent for the terrorist measures he advocated with the leaders. This new member was no other than Asef, the *Agent-Provocateur* of the Secret Police, a singular creation of the Russian Government, who, whilst apparently working with the revolutionists, did so to be in a better position to hand them over to his force.

At another meeting, held at Sarotof, it had been decided to resort to all terrorist measures for advancing the cause. Asef had planned "Grannie's" arrest, but she evaded his endeavours. Her life now became the type of the lives of many high-minded people who, originally desirous only for the good of humanity, become embittered by continual repression and gradually consider any means lawful for gaining the goal in view. Her next years were filled with working out plans of the most desperate nature and preaching her mission to the people whom she everywhere inspired by her prophetic words.

In 1906 an attempt was made on the life of General Trepov, Governor-General of St. Petersburg. Asef pointed out her whereabouts to the agents of the Secret Police. She was arrested and confined at St. Petersburg, and tried after several years of imprisonment. Considering her age, she might have been pardoned if, at the trial, she had not declared her profession in court. She was sentenced to exile at Kirensh and once more set out on the weary journey to Siberia, where she has been up to the already recorded attempt at flight.

The sentence for running away from the Siberian Settlements is three years' penal servitude. Let us hope it may be mitigated in consideration of "Grannie's" years.

K. Blakey.

AFTER THE FIGHT.

A Message from North-West Durham.

Aneurin Williams (Lib.)	...	...	**7,241**
J. Ogden Hardicker (Cons.)	...	...	**5,564**
G. H. Stuart (Lab.)	...	...	**5,026**

Frankly, we are disappointed. We did hope for a win this time, but old tradition has once more proved too strong. Looked at, however, from the point of view of achievement, the result is nothing to be ashamed of. A poll of 5,026 at the first time of asking is excellent, and if this can be accomplished in a few weeks with little previous organisation beyond a few I.L.P. branches, the success of Labour in the constituency within a short time is assured. We have to remember that all those 5,026 votes were, in the mining phrase, "hewn out of the solid." Not one of the 5,026 men had ever voted Labour before. What defeated us was the Irish vote—a compact mass of nearly 3,000, controlled from headquarters and presented to the Liberal Party. Mr. Stuart paid fine tribute to the women's help. Speaking of their work, he reminded the audience "The women of the National Union are not here entirely for love of North-West Durham—nor for love of the Labour candidate. They are here because they are fighting for a great cause for which we are fighting too." Every reference to the N.U. was cheered to the echo. Whenever, as frequently happened, "Three cheers for Mr. Stuart" were called for, someone was sure to follow it with "Three cheers for the Suffragists," or "Votes for Women," and these were given just as heartily.

Where so many people have helped, it is scarcely possible to single any out for special thanks. But we should like to mention that Mr. Donald Oldham was with us for the first part of the campaign, paying his own expenses and giving invaluable help. We must also thank Dr. Ethel Williams and Miss Ashton for the loan of cars for polling day, and Mr. Tom Darlington for his voluntary work as chauffeur.

Mr. Stuart sends the following message through Miss Gordon :—

"Will you kindly convey my most grateful thanks to the Executive of the National Union for the magnificent work put in during the fight in North-West Durham. I cannot possibly speak too highly of the way in which both your speakers and workers helped us. I fear that the ordinary supporter of any political movement does not quite realise what fighting a mid-winter campaign in North-West Durham means, and I cannot hope to bring it home to them. I can, however, testify that I saw your women putting in the most enthusiastic work in circumstances of the utmost discomfort, and that I regard it as an eloquent testimony not only to their courage but to the sincerity of their convictions. I am exceedingly sorry that the result was not favourable to us, but I think you will agree that we laid the foundation of success in the near future."

Claims of Women Sorters.

A deputation of the Women Sorters' Association waited upon Mr. Herbert Samuel at the General Post Office last week to urge upon him that there should be an immediate increase of pay to all women sorters. They submitted that the maximum of the class should be raised to 34s., as against the 32s. recommended by the Holt Committee, basing their demand on the increased cost of living, and the superior duties to be performed. The deputation also drew attention to the class of women telegraphists at the Central Telegraph Office, whose maximum is 40s., and maintained that there was no justification for so great a difference—namely 8s.—in the maxima of the two classes. They urged that the minimum of the women overseers should be at least 2s. above the maximum of the women sorters, and that the number of overseers be in the proportion of one in ten, as is already the case with the women telegraphists, and not one in twenty.

The Postmaster-General promised to give the views of the deputation his consideration.

A Generous Anonymous Gift.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Glasgow Society sends grateful thanks to an "Old Glaswegian" for the very handsome gift of £100.

Article by Mr. Philip Snowden.

The article by Mr. Philip Snowden, on the "Present Position of Woman Suffrage," which appeared in *The Englishwoman* for December, has been reprinted. Copies can be obtained from the office of the Liverpool Society for Women's Suffrage, 18, Colquitt Street, Liverpool. Price ½d., or 1d. post free.

Change of Address.

Mrs. Frank Marshall's address until Easter will be 31, Grosvenor Road, Westminster, S.W

Miss Margaret Jones' Illness.

So many enquiries have been made about Miss Jones since her accident in Switzerland that it is impossible for her to reply to all. She asks us to say that she is making good progress, and hopes to be back in England in six weeks. Also to convey her thanks for kind enquiries.

THE ALBERT HALL MEETING AND THE MANDATE FUND.

The demand for tickets for the Albert Hall Meeting on February 14th has been unprecedented. For days now, there has been a long waiting list of those who are hoping to secure the returned tickets of some unfortunates who have taken them and find they cannot use them: there is no other chance now of getting any of the 5s. seats, and not many even of the cheapest places are left.

Suffragists are now asked to turn their attention to the great Fund that is to be raised for the work of the Union. Its name is enough to commend it to all. We demand a Government measure for Women's Suffrage, for we know that no other way is to be found for winning the enfranchisement of women. Private Member's Bills have been tried and found useless. Nothing but a Government measure is any use to us.

And Mr. Asquith has said that on this subject he will "bow to the will of the people."

We have, therefore, to give to Mr. Asquith the mandate he requires. We shall do so on February 14th by our vast demonstration, made up not only of thousands and thousands of individual supporters, but by men representing the great bodies of organised Labour. And this demonstration must "demonstrate" in a manner more conclusive than the passing of any resolution, however decisive; it must raise the biggest sum of money on record. The fund raised by the Pilgrimage was the biggest we have ever raised. We want to beat our biggest now. Women are the poor sex; but Women Suffragists make up in generosity and self-denial for the smallness of their possessions, and the money will be given, we do not doubt, in a manner worthy of the high traditions of a movement built from the beginning on self-sacrifice. Men also are especially appealed to. They are not the poor sex, and it is from them above all that the Mandate has to come. Let every man who owes something of all that makes life worth living, to a woman, pay his debt on February 14th!

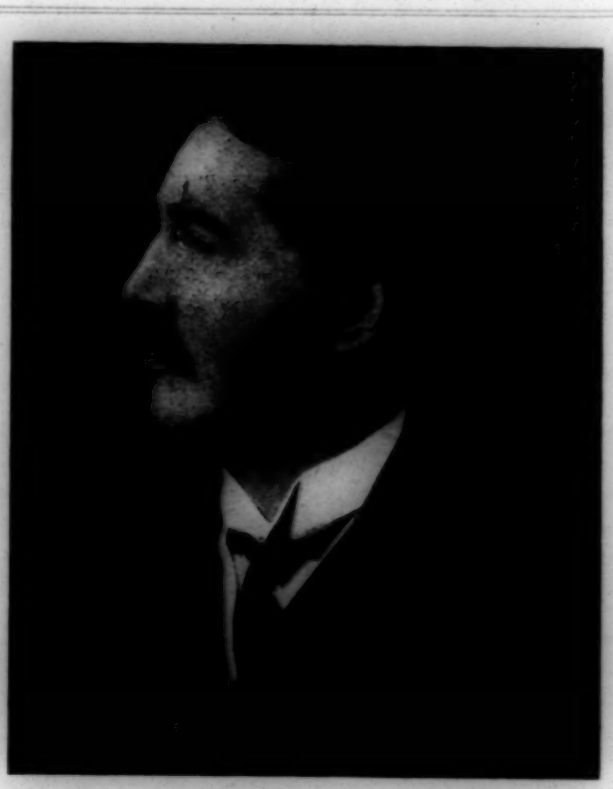
DEPUTATION TO THE RT. HON. WALTER RUNCIMAN, M.P.

A deputation, organised by the North-Western Federation, N.U.W.S.S., was received by Mr. Runciman at Brampton on January 19th. In the absence through illness of Miss Bardsley, Chairman of the North-Western Federation, Mrs. F. W. Chance, President of the Carlisle Society, introduced the deputation and urged Mr. Runciman to do all in his power to secure the speedy introduction of a Government measure. The Bishop of Barrow-in-Furness spoke on the moral and religious aspect of Women's Suffrage, and Mrs. F. E. Marshall, Vice-President of the N.-W. Federation, reported that those who went with the Pilgrimage claimed fearlessly that opinion was with them—it was only waiting to know how to express itself. Mr. W. Eggleston, President of the Carlisle Trades and Labour Council, speaking for the organised workers of the district, and Mr. F. E. Marshall, speaking from the Liberal point of view, emphasised the need for a Government measure.

In his reply, Mr. Runciman spoke of the unfortunate influence upon private members of militant tactics, and disagreed with the deputation as to the extra force which comes from a Government Bill. "If," he said, "the Government were to take up the Bill it would not go through; it would mean the defeat of the Government, and that I should regard as a calamity." He maintained that it was the duty of members of Parliament who are in favour of Women's Suffrage to take their share in the formation of opinion amongst their constituents—a duty which has constantly been urged by the N.U.—and said that he had no sympathy with members who declared themselves in favour of Women's Suffrage, but were afraid to open their mouths on the subject in their own areas. He had never wavered in his own support and whatever his views might be on the precise details of the measure, he would be prepared to vote for the second reading of any Women's Suffrage Bill in order to break the ice. What Suffragists had to do now, he contended, was to consolidate opinion in the country, and bring another Bill before the House. When that time came, he would be in the right lobby.

The members of the deputation were:—

Mrs. Gandy, Vice-President, N.W. Federation; Mrs. F. E. Marshall, Vice-President, N.W. Federation; Miss Sophia Graham, Hon. Treasurer, N.W. Federation; Mrs. Chance, President, Carlisle Society, N.U.W.S.S.; Rev. S. P. L. Curwen, Rector of Workington, Workington Society, N.U.W.S.S.; Mr. F. E. Marshall, J.P., Keswick Society, N.U.W.S.S.; Mr. J. Smith-Hill, Principal, Agricultural College, Aspatria Society, N.U.W.S.S.; Bishop of Barrow-in-Furness; Mr. J. W. Crooks, Liberal Sub-Agent for N. Cumberland; Mr. F. N. Hepworth, Treasurer, N. Cumberland Liberal Association; Mr. James Morton, Executive Committee, Carlisle and North Cumberland Liberal Associations; Mr. Wm. Eggleston, President, Carlisle Trades and Labour Council; Mr. Thomas Muse, Treasurer, Carlisle Trades and Labour Council; Mrs. McNaughton, Chairman, Carlisle Women's Co-operative Guild; Miss Boyd, Hon. Secretary for Cumberland British Women's Temperance Association.



Mr. A. W. BARTON, M.P. for Oldham,
whose recent quarrel with the Liberal Association was caused by the refusal of tickets of admission to a great Liberal meeting to some Liberal women who had justified their right to the tickets as workers in the cause of Liberalism. Mr. Barton was informed that if he had asked for tickets for his "personal friends," they would have been granted. This he refused, on principle, to do, as he held that the ladies in question had a right to admission on their own merits as workers in the Liberal cause.

THE LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE AT GLASGOW.

By One Who Was Present.

Many questions of absorbing interest to women were discussed at the Annual Conference of the National Labour Party held in Glasgow last week. If there were no other bond between the Women's Movement and the Labour Movement, there would be a strong ground for mutual sympathy in the importance which each attaches to the place of the home in politics, and to the care for the welfare of the young, the weak, and the oppressed. But in this report we have only space to record the part which Women's Suffrage played in the Conference.

In his opening address, Councillor Fox, Chairman of the National Labour Party, referred in terms of warm appreciation to the help which the Labour Party had received from the Women Suffragists, and declared that "it is the Labour Party's duty to force the question of women's enfranchisement, and all that it involves, to the front."

As a result of the first resolution on the agenda, "the establishment of complete political freedom for all men and women" has been added to the usual statement of the general aims of the Labour Party.

The decision of last year's Conference "to oppose any franchise bill which does not include women" was reaffirmed with enthusiasm. Last year the resolution evoked a prolonged debate. This year there was no need for discussion; the resolution was carried with a perfect roar of assent, only two members opposing it.

The full text of the resolution, which was moved by the Women's Labour League, was as follows:—

"That this Conference reaffirms its previous decisions on Women's Suffrage, and declares that the Government can only redeem the pledge it has given by bringing in a Bill to enfranchise both men and women, and requests the Parliamentary Labour Party, in view of the unsatisfactory statements of members of the Cabinet that Women's Suffrage cannot be dealt with in this Parliament, to raise the question of their enfranchisement at the earliest opportunity next Session."

The Fabian Society moved a resolution calling upon the Parliamentary Labour Party "to vote against any Plural Voting Bill unless a Government Bill enfranchising women has been previously introduced." This resolution was defeated on the ground that a Plural Voting Bill was not a franchise bill, but a registration bill, whose effect would be to take away votes, not to confer them. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, on behalf of the Executive Committee, opposed the resolution, though the Committee whole-heartedly accepted the previous one moved by the Women's Labour League. He said they believed that the passage of the Plural Voting Bill would hasten and not delay a settlement of the whole franchise question.

Mr. Keir Hardie and Mr. Ben Turner spoke on behalf of the minority on the Committee, who wished to oppose the Plural Voting Bill. The resolution was defeated by a large majority.

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NEWS FROM ABROAD.

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN AND MR. HOBHOUSE.

On hearing a report that Mr. Hobhouse was to be appointed Governor-General of Australia, the Women's Political Association cabled from Melbourne asking *Jus Suffragii* to urge the Australian and New Zealand Women Voters' Association in London to protest to Mr. Asquith against this appointment. The Association regards it as an affront to women voters. No Cabinet Minister would be acceptable, and Mr. Hobhouse would be particularly unsuitable, as his attitude towards Women's Suffrage has always been most insulting.

BOHEMIA.

Bohemian women are facing numerous serious changes, which require watchfulness and unwearied toil.

(1) The Austrian Government has proposed a new Suffrage Bill for the Diet of Bohemia, extending franchise to all men, but excluding women—except taxpayers. The eligibility of the women members of the Diet is denied altogether. This means a breaking-up of the equality which has existed till now. It also means the loss of the franchise to many women now paying a small tax, which the new tax law (now being passed by Parliament) will not require them to pay.

(2) The Prague municipality is preparing a new electoral law for Prague, which will give women the right to vote if they pay taxes amounting to at least 10 K. Because all women of Prague have been till now excluded from this right, *questionnaires* are being sent by the Prague municipality to other municipalities in Bohemia, asking for their opinion on Women's Suffrage.

(3) According to the new Law of Association this law would not come into effect until January 1st of the year following its sanction by the Emperor. (See *Jus Suffragii*, January, 1914, rep. of Austria). This might retard the possibility of forming political associations of women for a whole year at least.

Vybor pro volebni pravo zen has therefore sent a petition to Parliament (through the kindness of M. Choc) asking it to pass a resolution that the law become valid on the day that it is proclaimed.

[*The above was kindly sent to us by the editor of* JUS SUFFRAGII, *as it was received too late for publication in the February number of that paper.*]

FINLAND.

The Lutheran National Church held its quinquennial Congress in Abo, and appointed a Committee to consider the question of permitting women to act as sacristans in the Church. The Congress also debated the question of extending the ecclesiastical franchise to men and women over 24 years of age and expressed itself in favour of this reform. Since 1896 every owner of property and the head of every household, irrespective of sex, has had the right to participate in ecclesiastical elections in Finland.

GERMANY.

Discussion in Reichstag.

Our Berlin Correspondent, Frau Minna Cauer, editor of *Die Frauenbewegung*, sends us an account of the discussion on Women's Suffrage in the Reichstag, taken from a German paper:—

"On Tuesday a discussion took place in the Reichstag concerning the demand of the German Association for Women's Suffrage for the vote to be granted to women on the same terms as men. The debate showed an attitude rather different from that assumed in former discussions of the women's demands. Speakers of the 'bürgerlichen' parties no longer indulged in any of the old, dull, ill-chosen jokes on emancipated women. This was perhaps a direct consequence of the speech of the sympathetic Dr. Cohn who, as first speaker, anticipated the usual objections by refuting them. Moreover, the idea of women's right to vote has made visible progress. Only the Conservative Party declared itself categorically against Women's Suffrage. Even the 'Frei-Konservative' speaker gave it only as his belief that for the present the political vote of women in the German Empire could not be tolerated. The speakers of the Central party, the National Liberals, and the 'Volkspartei' gave a similar opinion. All speakers, however, tried to soften their opposition to the women's vote by appreciative words of the women's movement, and this was the characteristic element of Tuesday's debate. The representative of the Centre gladly recognised that German women now show great interest in the public affairs of the realm, the state, and the municipality, and he deemed that they had a legitimate right in expecting to be considered, to a certain extent, in public life. The speakers of the National Liberal and Frei-Konservative parties spoke in the same spirit. Even the Conservative speaker had no objection to some political recognition of women—the limits of the Conservative conception of the world. It would, however, be quite a mistake for women to suppose that the 'bürgerlichen' parties will make any important concessions to their demands. In spite of their platonic recognition, the Conservatives and 'Frei-Konservatives' voted to proceed to the order of the day, and the other parties only held that the petition was worthy of being transmitted to the Government. Only a few Progressive members decided in favour of the plea of the Social Democrats that the petition should be considered by the Government."

SPAIN.

The women of Spain advance slowly: but the *Zeitschrift* reports that they have now been awarded unconditional admission to the Universities.

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A B C OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

WHY DOES THE NATIONAL UNION NOT SUPPORT LIBERAL CANDIDATES AT THE BY-ELECTIONS?

Many Suffragists say they cannot understand why the National Union will not support a Liberal Candidate at by-elections, even if he is himself a good Suffragist.

Those who say this have forgotten the history of Women's Suffrage in Parliament in the past 5 years. During that time the National Union worked for the candidate, irrespective of party, whose personal attitude on Women's Suffrage was the most satisfactory.

We did this because we hoped for the success in Parliament of a non-party measure for Women's Suffrage—that is to say, a bill for Women's Suffrage which would command the support of Suffragists of all parties.

Such a bill was the Conciliation Bill. It was not a party bill put forward by the Government, but was introduced each year by a private member. Suffragists of all parties promised to support it, and, therefore, it did not matter to the National Union to what party a man belonged, so long as he undertook to support our measure in Parliament.

THE SUPPORT OF A PRIVATE MEMBER'S BILL IN PARLIAMENT WHICH DEPENDS FOR ITS SUCCESS ON A MAJORITY DRAWN FROM ALL PARTIES MEANS, AT BY-ELECTIONS, SUPPORT OF THE CANDIDATE WHO IS THE BEST SUFFRAGIST IRRESPECTIVE OF PARTY.

But while Suffragists had a big majority in Parliament for a non-party measure, the Government would not grant time for its further stages. When at last time was promised, the action of the Government caused the majority to go to pieces.

How was this? The Conciliation Bill was "torpedoed," to use Mr. Lloyd George's own words, by the announcement that the Government intended to introduce a Reform Bill. This bill was to enfranchise practically every man and no woman, but Mr. Asquith promised that every opportunity would be given for the inclusion of women in the Bill by way of amendment.

Fourteen months afterwards, it was discovered that the Reform Bill had been drafted in such a way that the fulfilment of this promise was impossible. Mr. Asquith offered instead to give time for a Private Member's Bill, but experience had shown us that with the Prime Minister as our opponent, Liberals broke their pledges, and Irish Nationalists reversed their votes, because they feared that the passage of a Women's Suffrage Bill would embarrass their Anti-Suffrage leader.

THE ACTION OF THE LIBERAL GOVERNMENT HAD MADE THE SUCCESS OF A PRIVATE MEMBER'S BILL IN PARLIAMENT IMPOSSIBLE.

You cannot now secure a free vote, or an honest vote, on a private Member's Bill for Women's Suffrage, because many members think, not of the merits of the question, but of the effect upon the fortunes of their party.

Under these conditions a majority can only be secured for Women's Suffrage by means of a party measure. A party measure means a Government measure.

THE NATIONAL UNION THEREFORE DEMANDS A GOVERNMENT MEASURE FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

We will waste no more time and money on work for a bill which can, and will, be defeated by intrigue in the House of Commons. It is useless to obtain the return to Parliament of individual members who are in favor of Women's Suffrage, if the party to which they belong is not pledged to Women's Suffrage. We withhold our support, therefore, from any Liberal candidate, however friendly he may be as an individual; his vote is no good to us while his Government is against us, and his return will strengthen the Government which refuses to do anything for Women's Suffrage.

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The February Magazines.

The Englishwoman.—The articles this month are chiefly devoted to women in public work. Miss Lowndes opens with one on "National Waste," a subject to which she contributes much original thought. The national waste dealt with here is the loss to the nation of the services of the unmarried women of the middle classes. "What people are able to do," says Miss Lowndes, "is practically of no importance. It is what they have a living impulse to do—a secret spring of action in their natures—which really affects the progress of humanity," and goes on to show that these vital impulses are allowed full scope in men; but in the case of women their suitability for great tasks is not the passport to their co-operation in public work, but masculine opinion as to what is suitable work for women to do.

The difficulties which confront women who are desirous of giving their services on public bodies are ably and clearly set forth by Mrs. Rackham in her article on the "County and Borough Councils (Qualification) Bill."

One does not generally expect to find amusement in a survey of hospital administration, or in the details of work in connection with hospital management, but anyone who can read "Problems of the Day" without a smile must be hopelessly deficient in a sense of humour. Mrs. Pennell, M.B., B.S. (*née* Sorabji), writes on "Medical Problems in India," giving a very unsatisfactory account of the conditions under which medical women are expected to accomplish the enormous amount of important work among the women of India.

New employments for women are so rare that it is cheering to read of another opening for women's work under the Insurance Act. Mrs. Johnson tells of her experiences as an "Insurance Visitor." Though the work is hard, it has many compensations, and can be undertaken in the visitor's own time.

In the open letter Madame Jeanne Schmahl deals gently with Lord Cromer's inaccuracies in his "Feminism in France," which appeared in the November number of the *National Review:* inaccuracies which would have been truly shocking if the "unlovely crew" of Suffragists had been guilty of them.

Jus Suffragii.—The international Suffrage paper is making strides in increased interest and value. All Suffragists who feel the romance of a world-wide movement should read it. This month's number has interesting articles on the political situation in Sweden, factory workers in Russia, and a *questionnaire* on women-dentists in many of the countries of the Suffrage Alliance, which is of great interest in view of the demand—at present largely unsatisfied—for women-dentists in Great Britain.

Nineteenth Century and After.—"Woman Suffrage at Work in Australia." A summary of the sixty-three answers to the inquiry instituted into the working of the Suffrage in the nine States of America that have introduced it, by Adeline Duchess of Bedford, the Marchioness of Salisbury, and ten other ladies. Needless to say, the replies are in a large preponderance favourable, and the marked character of the evidence is well worth consideration. "The Diminishing Birth-rate. Is it a National Danger?" by Dr. James A. Rigby, treats the question boldly and from an original standpoint. "Clubland Two Hundred Years Ago" is interesting as contrasting the influence of women in the French Salon, with its absence in the English coffee-house and literary society.

The Fortnightly.—Mr. Edmund Gosse has a delightful paper on Lady Dorothy Nevill, and there is much food for thought in Mr. Hurd's considerations in regard to emigration.

The World's Work.—An account of "Mrs. Andrew, Ironmaster," known as the "Iron Woman," from her success in managing her husband's foundry.

War and Peace.—This is a new Norman Angell monthly for all who are interested in the promotion of international peace.

Some Books for the Education Campaign.

Messrs. King have sent us the following books, which should be useful in connection with the education campaign:—

The Infant, the Parent of the State. By H. Llewellyn Heath. 3s. 6d.

Hygiene for Health Visitors, School Nurses and Social Workers. By C. W. Huth. Edited by J. H. Whitehouse, M.P.

Problems of Boy Life.

Infantile Mortality. Report of Proceedings of National Conference on Infantile Mortality. 1s. 6d.

The Divorce Commission. Majority and Minority Reports Summarised. By the Secretaries to the Commission.

How to Start a Women's Lodging-House. By Mary Higgs. 3d.

Legislation for the Protection of Women. Lord Charnwood. 2d.

"Back to the Source." A Suggestion founded on the Recommendations of the Royal Commission on the Poor Law (1908) respecting Rescue Work. 3d.

Report of the National Conference on Infantile Mortality. 1s. 6d.

Health and Physique of School Children. By Arthur Greenwood.

The People's Books (T. C. & E. C. Jack, 6d. each net) form a useful series, of which several are of special interest to women. Brief reviews of these will appear later.

Expectant Motherhood. J. W. Ballantyne, M.D., F.R.C.P. Edin. (Cassell. 6s.)

Correspondence.

ACTIVE SERVICE CORPS.

MADAM,—Miss O'Shea makes me tired. Without a fighting spirit no domination, of sex or otherwise, can be overcome, and without some rough and ready discipline, fights fail. Miss O'Shea, in seeking to preserve her individual liberty, endangers ours. We others have a liberty we value, and it is the greatest liberty of all—the liberty of ideas. For this we mean to fight. The mid-Victorian gentleman bound up women in a miasma of silken cords (forgive the metaphor, so mixed) called "womanliness," and Miss O'Shea desires to establish a new bondage of "womanliness" to cramp our free spirits.

Some of us do not trust all self-styled peacemakers, nor distrust all who bring a sword. Some of us do not even love the Paradise to which we are pointed by the "when women get the vote they will do so and so" school of suffragist thought. Some are still as that naughty boy. "Do the good go to Heaven?" "Yes." "Is nurse good?" "Yes." "I think I would rather be bad." But a great Teacher said, "In my Father's house are *many* mansions." And in that house may be found at the last some who have followed "Homo," the complete human being.

Some of us feel impelled to cry out while there is time, lest "isms" choke us and we perish; or, clinging still to a semblance of life, become that most unholy of attenuatives—a reforming prig. But, "our fight is on the spiritual plane"; but, again—Mrs. Harley knows that perfectly well.

ANOTHER SORT OF N.U.W.S.S. MEMBER.

MADAM,—In common with your other correspondents on this subject, I am full of admiration for Mrs. Harley's scheme. Like Miss O'Shea, I am an anti-militarist, but I cannot help feeling that the discussion about the name of the scheme seems to be lacking in sense of proportion and sense of humour. Surely if the work gets done, and done well, the names under which we do it matter not at all. I remember that some non-Christian members of the N.U. objected to being asked to take part in the Pilgrimage in "a prayerful spirit," but I have yet to learn that their cheerful paganism detracted from their efficiency as Pilgrims. Similarly, though a strong Republican, I have not refused my 2s. 6d. to Miss Collum for her "Kingdom" (a term I dislike extremely). Personally, I intend to enjoy Mrs. Harley's scheme to the top of my bent, and as it is unlikely that I shall be able to go any other way, I intend riding an ancient pony. This part of the scheme will be called "Jones's Horse"!

MARGARET G. C. JONES.

MORMONISM AND POLYGAMY.

MADAM,—In your issue of January 30th you publish a letter from Mrs. Fawcett in which my name is mentioned. Mrs. Fawcett refers to a sentence in a letter of mine to the *Times*, in which I wrote: "Utah, where Woman Suffrage (introduced, 1896) supports Mormonism. . . . ." Mrs. Fawcett then proceeds to state that this sentence is "misleading," because "polygamy was prohibited in Utah before the State was admitted to the Union." She adds, "according to Miss Page, we should therefore be justified in stating that 'in England an exclusively male suffrage supports Mormonism.' But we do not play the game that way."

My trouble in replying to Mrs. Fawcett is not connected with the way she is playing the game, but with the game she is playing. I made no mention of polygamy. If Mrs. Fawcett considers that the relation of Utah to Mormonism is on all fours with the relation of Great Britain to the Society of Latter Day Saints with their eighty-two churches, her support of Woman Suffrage is partly explained. Mrs. Fawcett's information regarding the prohibition of polygamy in Utah only tells us what the world knew already. It would be far more satisfactory if she could obtain from the Embassy of the United States the assurance, not that polygamy is prohibited in Utah, but that it has ceased to exist in that State.

HELEN PAGE, Assistant Secretary.

[*"The world" may know that polygamy has been prohibited in Utah, but Miss Page has done her best to create the contrary impression. If this was not her intention, why did she drag Mormonism into her attack on Women's Suffrage at all? Is she really so unskilful a controversialist as to suppose that when she writes of a State, where "Woman Suffrage supports Mormonism," her readers will not deduce from her accusation that where women can control legislation they do so to support polygamy? Mrs. Fawcett will doubtless agree with us, and with Miss Page, that it would be splendid if we could have an assurance that polygamy "has ceased to exist in that State"—or any other State. Unfortunately, we know of no State on the face of the earth of which such an assurance could be given—or would be believed if it were given. Polygamy is illegal in most States (as it is in Utah). It has not "ceased to exist" in any.*—ED., C.C.]

LEGAL DISABILITIES OF WIVES.

Mr. Lyon Blease wishes to add to his article:—

The provisions of the Summary Jurisdiction Act refer only to cases where the wife obtains a separation order, and ceases in effect to be the husband's wife. The order in practice is very seldom obeyed, and I could hardly have mentioned this point without going into the whole question of separation and divorce. The dower mistake and the Intestates Estates Act mistake were due to carelessness. In the former case I was emphasising the fact that modern law has practically abolished dower, and I allowed an incident of the husband's analogous interest in his wife's lands to creep into my statement of the old law. It is sufficient to constitute the wife's right to dower that she should have been capable of bearing issue who could inherit, not that the issue should have been born.

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PHYL

By CICELY HAMILTON.

"WELL, it's settled what becomes of me," he began.

"Yes. You're going to Australia."

"And now we've got to settle what becomes of you."

He would have thought she had not heard him if she had not said listlessly, "What becomes of me—does it matter?"

"Oh, nonsense!" he returned, trying to rouse her by his briskness. "Of course it matters. If you don't care, I do; and that is why we've got to talk business before I start."

"Business," she echoed, "what business? I don't think I understand what you're talking about."

"I mean," he said, reddening a little, "that we've got to settle about money."

He had roused her attention at last, and she lifted her head and looked him full in the face.

"I'm afraid," he went on, attempting to treat the thing lightly, "I'm afraid there won't be so very much left out of the wreck; but whatever is left we go shares in, you and I!"

He felt while he spoke that there was going to be some difficulty; but he was not prepared for the outburst of "Not a penny! Not a penny!" with which she rejected his proposal.

"But, look here," he tried to argue with her, "that's ridiculous, Phyl. Now, just you listen to me."

"No, no!" she almost stormed at him; "I won't take a penny more from you. You've spent money enough on me these last few weeks—you've spent it on me like water. Money that you could do with now, that I dare say you wouldn't have spent at all, if it hadn't been for me. I didn't mind, as long as I thought you were rich, and could afford it—I liked taking it from you. But if you think, now you're poor, that I'm going on sponging on you. . . . What do you take me for?"

"Now, now," he persisted, "you mustn't think you can frighten me by stamping at me. We've got to talk this over quietly, and you really must try to be reasonable——"

"Reasonable!" she flashed back at him. "If it's being reasonable to rob you of the little bit of money you've got left, then I won't be reasonable. Certainly not. I'm quite unreasonable, and I'm going to stay so; you can make up your mind to that. I suppose I shall have to let you pay my journey back to London, but that's all, and it's quite enough. I'm not a shark."

"And I'm not a scoundrel," he retorted. "And I should be a scoundrel if I didn't—if I didn't do the little that I can do for you. What do you think I'm made of? Do you think I could go calmly off to the other side of the world, without bothering my head about you, without minding whether you had to suffer for—for our time together?"

He waited for an answer, but none came. Phyl had turned away from him, and neither moved nor spoke. Her silence encouraged him to hope she was yielding, and he stumbled on heatedly. "I'm not such a fool as not to know that it may stand in your way—what we've done. You can't imagine that I could go off and just leave you It's impossible—you must see that! And if you won't let me help you in the only way I can help you, I swear to you I'll throw the cursed money into the sea before I sail. You needn't fancy that's just a threat: I mean it. If you won't take the money, I won't either. . . . Do you want me to lie awake at night wondering what has become of you—wondering whether I've brought you to the gutter? Is that what you want?"

"No," she said under her breath.

"It's the only thing you can do for me now," he urged. "And it will be little enough—the money."

"I'll do anything you want," she said wearily.

"You'll take it, then?" he cried.

"Yes, if you want me to."

"Thank you, Phyl," he said huskily; "you've taken a weight off my mind." He walked to and fro, annoyed with himself for the tears that were pricking his eyelids, and wishing she would move or break the silence. "I suppose you will go back to your sister?" he asked her at last.

"Yes," she answered; "I suppose I shall go back to Cathy. . . . There doesn't seem anything else to do, does there?"

"I—I'm glad you've got someone to go to," he muttered; and then he saw her face was hidden in her hands, and her body was shaking with sobs. In an instant he had his arms round her, and was holding her to him. There was nothing to say but just her name, and nothing to do but stroke her hair till she grew quieter and mastered herself again.

"I suppose one's got to pay for things," she said at last, "but it's cruel—oh, it's cruel. There's such a lot to pay . . . and what harm have I done to anyone? I just wanted to be happy—and I was. . . . And now I've got to go back. . . ."

"When you talk like that," he said, turning away from her abruptly, "you make me feel as if I could put a bullet into my head."

"Jack!" she cried, startled, "why?"

"Because it's my fault. I ought never to have taken you away. I never meant to do you any harm—you know I didn't. But, all the same, I have done you harm. And it makes me feel like a hound to know that I've made things harder for you; to know I've got to go off and leave you to fight things out by yourself."

She did not answer immediately, and when she did, her voice, even in her own ears, sounded strange.

"Do you mind as much as all that?"

"Of course, I mind," he told her curtly. He did not look towards her, and he did not hear her coming to him—till a hand, hot and trembling, was laid upon his own.

"Jack, take me with you!"

He just stared at her as she stood there—shaking and looking up at him.

"Take me with you," she repeated, "to the other side of the world—or anywhere you want to go. If it hurts you as much as all that, you must want me a little—you must!"

He got over his first amazement, and found a stammering tongue.

"You—you don't know what you're asking."

"I do," she persisted, "I do, Jack. Let me come with you. You needn't think I shall be a burden—you needn't think I can't work. I can—and I'm used to doing without things. Until I came to you, I never knew what it was to have money. I won't be a drag on you; I'll be a help. Let me come with you, Jack—let me come with you!"

She had her arms round his neck, and her head was pressing against him: until he took it between his hands and, pushing her a little away from him, looked hard into her face.

"You mean—you want to come with me—when I've nothing more to give you?"

"You can give me yourself," she said; "you can give me yourself, Jack." And she clung to him again, hiding her face on his shoulder, and beseeching him not to leave her.

"I never thought you cared for me like that," he said slowly and almost in a whisper; and suddenly she felt his arms tighten round her and grip.

"I don't think I knew it myself," she sobbed. "Not until now—when I thought I was going to lose you. I only knew I was happy with you I thought it was just the money, and the different life; but it was you—all the time it was you. . . . And you said it would hurt you to go off and leave me to fight things out by myself. It you hadn't said that, I should never have dared. . . . I may come, mayn't I? Only to be with you—that's all I want. . . . And you needn't be afraid—when you've had enough of me, you'll only have to say—you'll only have to say when you don't want me. . . ."

His arms tightened still more; they were so tight that they almost hurt her.

"Then I may?" she whispered, "I may?"

"God bless you, yes," he told her huskily. . . . And then, when they had both been silent for a little, "Do you think I don't want to keep you with me—for now and for always?"

"That's true," she said, laughing through her sobs, "I can see in your eyes that it's true." She put up her hand to his face and stroked it, and whispered that it was her turn now; that, after all he had done for her, it was her turn, and she would work for him and do all she could—and she was almost glad they were poor now, so that she could show how she cared—so that she could show him. . . .

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It was later on—quite late at night—when there came to Jack's lips a thought that had been germinating in his brain from the moment when Phyl had asked to stay with him. The hours that followed on that request had been queerly happy hours; they had talked and sat silent, both without restraint, and Phyl had had business-like fits, when she considered their slender resources, and the cost of getting to Australia. Then she had suddenly remembered that Jack had had no dinner, had sent for it hastily, had helped him to his food, and fussed about him with a curious air of possession, that touched him while it amused him. And when the waiter had removed the dishes, and Jack had betaken himself to a cigar, she pulled up a stool to his chair, and sat herself down on it to look up the trains for the morrow. He watched her as she ran her fingers along the columns of the time-table, and pondered how best to put his announcement into words; how best to tell her that he intended to do the right thing by her. He knew she would be glad; but he wanted to frame the announcement with becoming humility, as if he were asking a favour—as if there were not that between them which, in common opinion, would make of the offer a favour on his side. He felt that the task was difficult—more involved than the ordinary proposal, though without its element of uncertainty. He frowned and puffed thoughtfully at his cigar; crushed the stump out on the ash-tray; and finally opened his lips.

"Phyl," he said, "I've got a condition to make." It was not what he had meant to say; but, somehow, at the decisive moment, the requisite words had deserted him. Phyl looked up from her figures—puzzled.

"A condition," she repeated; "what condition? I don't know what you're talking about."

"I'm talking," he explained, "about our going to Australia. If you go with me——'

She dropped her book, and faced round on him, startled and nearly fierce.

"*If* I go with you? I'm going—there isn't any 'if.'"

"If you go with me," he persisted, taking her hands, "I want you—Phyl, I want you to go as my wife."

It was out, and he felt that it might have been better put; but it was out, and that was something. He was all ready to take her in his arms when she whispered "Yes!"—and instead she drew her hands away from him sharply.

"No," she said; "no, I won't."

He was so utterly astonished that he could find no words to reply; he merely stared at her, while she turned her back on him, snatched up her time-table, and fluttered the leaves over noisily.

"You won't?" he echoed her at last.

"Do you think," she burst out, without turning her face to look at him, "do you think I want to be paid that way?"

He saw that her pride had taken alarm, and cursed himself for a fool for having put the thing so clumsily. He should have been more humble; he hadn't shown her how much he wanted it himself. . . . For he did want it; she had made him sure of that.

"There isn't any question of payment," he began, only to be cut short with decision.

"There is. I know what you're thinking of. No! I came to you when you were rich, without a wedding-ring—I was only too glad to come. And I stay with you, now you're poor, on the same terms."

"No; on my terms," he insisted, doggedly, but not too hopefully.

It was a bit of a relief to him when she suddenly began to laugh.

"Do you mean that if I won't marry you, you're going to leave me behind?"

He laughed, too, rather foolishly; he felt that she had him in a cleft stick. But it was not that consciousness alone that troubled him; her refusal hurt him genuinely. He could not have analysed his feelings, but he knew vaguely that, with the acknowledgement of his love for her, had come the desire to be proud of her. Now that he knew she was his one woman and his own, he wanted to set her high. . . . And she would not let him.

"You see," she went on mischievously, and seemingly enjoying his discomfiture, "It's no good trying to frighten me. You can't make me marry you if I don't want to—can you?"

And she turned and went back to her time-table, leaving him nonplussed; ran her fingers again down the columns, and engrossed herself in hours of starting and arrival. Apparently she had done with the subject of matrimony—dismissed it completely; and there was quite a long silence, broken only by mutterings of—"Leave Genoa—arrive Paris. . . . Leave Paris——" and so on.

"If we start to-morrow morning," she began briskly, at last.

"I don't want people to look down on you," he broke in on her stubbornly.

Something in his voice went home, and she dropped her pretence of lightness. It had been very hard for her to refuse him anything, and pride had been the least of the motives that prompted her refusal. If she had marked in his offer the inevitable touch of masculine condescension, she certainly had not resented it; she was in no mood to resent anything he said or did or thought. It was a good impulse, on the whole, the impulse that had led her to repel him; a desire, now that he was poor, to sacrifice something for him, to give herself and put no fetters on him. . . . But, looking at him now, she saw that he meant what he said; and understood, too, with a little thrill of happiness, his sense of property in her.

He said again, "I don't want people to look down on you." And this time she answered him, while she slipped her fingers into his——

"Do you really mean that, Jackie?"

"I should hate it," he returned gruffly. She left her hand in his, and looked past him thoughtfully.

"That doesn't matter to me a bit, As long as you care for me, I don't mind who looks down on me."

"But it's just because I care for you," he urged.

She knew she was going to yield, and yet she hesitated. What held her back was a something born of conscience or born of superstition—or both; she thought that, after all, she had no right to what he offered her, that she had won her man by her sin and her reckless impatience. If she had done the fine thing, the high thing—there would be no Jack with outstretched hands asking her to be his wife! If she had done the high thing, the fine thing—as Cathy had always done. . . . And perhaps, in that moment, when transgression had brought her a very sweet reward, she was nearer than she had ever been to a glimpse of Cathy's vision.

It was only a glimpse—hazy and blurred by a cloud of the vague ancestral or instinctive superstition, that swirls up in all of us at times. She would have been ashamed to confess to it—but, like Polycrates of old, she feared to take too many gifts from the gods. And, like Polycrates of old, she thought, for a moment, to appease the gods by the sacrifice of a ring—a wedding ring. . . . Then she felt Jack's fingers tighten upon hers, and she bent and rested her cheek upon his hand.

"If you feel like that . . ." she said.

"You shall never regret it," he told her huskily.

"I don't suppose I shall," she agreed with him. "And . . . even if it doesn't matter much to me . . . there's Cathy. Poor Cathy . . . she will be so pleased."

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They were married in London, the day before they sailed for Brisbane. To Phyl there was a queer sense of unreality about the wedding ceremony; she wondered at Jack's solemnity, and felt a fraud and a humbug when the old clergyman, who had made them one, proffered kindly wishes for the life they were beginning. All the same, she left the church with moist eyes—did not Jack belong to her from this day forth, and she belong to him? And she tried to feel, as Cathy felt, that it was good to have the blessing of God go with them.

It was an unorthodox wedding-day. They lunched at the lodgings which Jack had taken till the morrow; and then Jack went off to say good-bye to Mr. Westmacott, and left his wife with her sister. They sat, the pair of them, silent while the landlady cleared away; and then Phyl came over and sat on the floor by Cathy, and laid her head on her knee.

"There's something I want to say to you," she began, and then paused and stared at the fire, while Cathy waited. Since Phyl came back and announced her approaching wedding, the meeting at Genoa had not been spoken of between them. Phyl knew that her sister thanked heaven for the marriage; but knew, likewise, and without the need of being told it, that—marriage licence or no marriage licence—to her sister sin was sin. They had not discussed the question, and they had been loving and happy together; but, all the same, they had felt the shadow of restraint. . . . So Cathy waited, wondering what was coming.

"It's this," Phyl said at last. "I can't be sorry, Cathy. I've done wrong—and I've had luck. Nobody knows better than I do that I've had luck. If I hadn't had it—if Jack had got tired of me and left me—I suppose I should have repented—in a sort of a way I should have repented. Now—I can't. . . . Things have turned out well, and—I can't be sorry."

She stopped, shifted a little away from Cathy, and then went on again——

"But I want you to know that I—understand. I couldn't be like you, but—I understand better than I did. . . . You told me that night at Genoa, that it was something to do right, and . . . I couldn't feel like that, I couldn't be like you—but I know what you said is true. I know—in the end—though I've got everything and you've got nothing, it's better to be like you than it is to be like me. . . . Only, I couldn't. . . . You're finer—you're. . ."

She turned, threw her arms round her sister's neck, and prayed for her under her breath.

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Sex and Class.

"God said to Adam: Thou shalt have dominion over all beasts; and herein would seem to consist his advantage and superiority. Now, since man has dominion also over woman, who can be so mad as to deny that woman is rather a beast than a man?"—(Horatio Plata. Quoted from Mrs. Swanwick's "The Future of the Woman's Movement.")

In the Women's Suffrage movement, class distinctions do not count. Those who come into it must work side by side with each other, whatever their social caste and whatever their political views, and must be content also to be accused by some of disloyalty to their class because they find it possible to do so. Perhaps it has been one of the hardest sacrifices men and women of the Suffrage cause have been asked to make—that they should forget the mutual suspicions and hostilities of classes, and remember only the disfranchisement of a sex. Some have found it altogether impossible to do so, and while they desire enfranchisement for women, they feel that the war of classes goes deeper still. Others oppose the whole claim of women to the franchise, on the ground that they are not a "class," but belong to all classes, and therefore cannot need separate enfranchisement.

To both these critics, our reply is the same. Women are indeed not a class, for they are rich and poor, employers and employed, educated and uneducated. They are not a class; but they have been made a class; for there is not one class distinction that we have mentioned—not one of wealth, of birth, or even of education—which goes so deep as the distinction between the rulers and the ruled.

It is this deep and fundamental distinction which has made women a class. It is this which has enabled them to forget all the other distinctions—to forgive each other's wealth and poverty—even to forget them—and to remember only the solidarity of sex. There is the governing class; there is the governed. That is the real distinction.

To realise how deep this cleavage is is easy when one follows the course of men's enfranchisement. In this country, men have won their freedom class by class, and the history of that gradual advance of freedom shows that the distinction between rulers and ruled goes so deep that it has affected not only our laws and customs but our whole system of ethics. When it has been decided that certain classes are not to share in the government of their country, and assumed (as it immediately is) that they are excluded because they are unfit for such a duty, the tendency to emphasise the unfitness at once appears. A moral code is established for the rulers; another for the ruled. Certain virtues are assigned to one class, others to the other. The rulers admire and expect in themselves the power to rule, with all that belongs to it. Wisdom, courage, independence, generosity, a high spirit, a certain magnificence, the power to spend money well, even ambition if it be a fine one, public spirit, and statesmanship—these are the virtues demanded of rulers. Industry, patience, contentment, and thrift, have been more warmly commended to the favourable consideration of the ruled. Gratitude is above all desired in those who are spared the toils of government, and nothing has given more pain and disappointment to the ruling

class than the distressingly ungrateful and even critical spirit displayed towards them by the ruled.

Such a divided standard is, of course, perfectly natural. When the qualification for the vote is, as it is now, so small a matter that no male person is hopelessly excluded, and a man though he may be off the register to-day may be on it again to-morrow, it would be absurd to suggest that his almost accidental exclusion is due to any deep moral difference between himself and other men. Not so, when the barrier was practically impassable. Then it was easily supposed that the poor man was unfit by nature or Divine ordinance, or from some other equally remote and unsearchable cause, for the business of government. His attention was therefore directed towards those virtues which make it easy to govern him. Criticism (which is inconvenient) is apt to be the result of too much knowledge. Ignorance, therefore, was regarded as almost a virtue in the poor. Certain books were "unfit for working-men" to read, and "too much education" was easily believed to be the ruin of the working-classes. Ambition, "noble" in the rich, was easily seen to be a most reprehensible discontent in the poor, upon whom misquoted portions of the Church Catechism were enthusiastically urged. Even religion took a curiously different form for rich and poor; and laws were regarded as made "to protect the rich in their estate and to restrain the vices of the poor."

This attitude of mind is not dead indeed, but it is dying. A tree can go on looking green and flourishing for a time after it has been cut down, and there are still people who cling to a divided moral standard for rich and poor. But the axe was laid to the root of that tree in 1867. No more dramatic illustration of this truth need be given than the words of Mr. Robert Lowe after the enfranchisement of even a small proportion of working-men—"*Now let us educate our masters!*"

Wisdom and knowledge are most desirable in rulers. They are apt to be inconvenient in the ruled. If you want to take the huge responsibility of directing another man's life, it is really more convenient that he should think you as wise as Solomon; and he will not, if he knows anything at all. But give him a share in directing your life, and you too will desire to "educate your master."

Women are still on the other side of that deep gulf which divides rulers and ruled. The gulf is deeper, for it is impassable. A man might pass from one side to the other even before 1867. The property qualification was high, but still a miracle might happen! And exceptionally liberal-minded rulers, realising this, could still with an effort realise the fact that all men are human beings. But with women the cleavage is complete, for a woman cannot become a man! And the belief that there is a division in moral standard, as in physical functions, becomes in their case complete.

Public spirit and broadmindedness, sanity and judgment, courage, honour, self-control: behold the virtues of the ruling class! Unselfishness, submission, gentleness, personal devotion, chastity of life, are instinctively assigned to the governed. How natural it is! If a husband desires to rule supreme over his wife, must he not wish her to display the virtues of submission and devotion? If, still conscious that to err is human, he nevertheless wishes her to accept his judgment as final, can he wish her to be extraordinarily wise? In him, indeed, wisdom is seen to be a virtue—aimed at, if not attained—but in her is it too much to say that ignorance is not without its charms? It is at least convenient. Miss Austen, not a hundred years ago, wrote of a heroine who blushed to find herself incapable of following the highly intellectual conversation of her lover—"Foolish child! She little knew the extent of her own attractions! Imbecility in women is a great addition to their charms!" Nor was she wrong, if one may judge by parents of this year of grace, 1914, who anxiously adjure the schoolmistress "not to make Mary too clever." "Cleverness" may be desirable in rulers: it is highly inconvenient in the ruled. Courage and judgment, sanity and wisdom, are less desirable than gentleness and personal devotion even to "unworthy objects" (*Pace* Mr. Austen Chamberlain). Mercy is preferred to justice, and if women are "incapable of taking impersonal views" it is at least equally true that their rulers seem incapable of wishing them to do so.

Is it perhaps possible that we are all wrong on this point? Could women take impersonal views if they ever dealt with impersonal matters, and show courage if cowardice were not thought to be beautiful in them? Are justice and mercy really divorced? And is it a true morality which finds any virtue "inconvenient" in any human being? We Suffragists think not. And in our hearts we know that the Woman's Movement in all its different methods of expression, in its heroism and rebellion, even in its tragedies and mistakes, is at heart a revolt against a divided standard of morality—a deep and unconquerable resentment against a mean standard and a low ideal.

The Wife of the Working Man.

[In this and following weeks, articles on the need for the protection of wives and mothers will appear in The Common Cause. *We leave the writers perfectly free to expound facts and suggest remedies, but* in no case *does the N.U.W.S.S. take responsibility for the views set forward in signed articles. Our object is to provide a platform for free discussion.]*

The two million wives of the two million men in permanent employment who are earning on full time less than 25s. a week in the United Kingdom, live curiously anomalous, important, and impotent lives. If it were not that the great majority of these men are, on the whole, kindly and decent persons, the lives of their wives would be inconceivably dreadful. Where the husband—in any class, or earning any income—is a brutal or intemperate man, the life of a dependent wife is likely to be far from pleasant. But when the brutal or intemperate husband earns less than 25s. a week, the life of his dependent wife is certain to be unspeakably terrible. There is no need, however, to suppose an intemperate or even unkind husband in order to show that the wife of the working man lives a life full of grinding responsibility, of sordid and unceasing toil, of wearing anxiety, combined with utter powerlessness—a life cruel enough to crush the vitality of any human being. And to live such a life, the wife of a respectable, kindly man, on such a wage may be able to spend on her own food something like 2d. or 2½d. a day!

What is the life lived by these two million women? Let us always remember that the picture given deals only with those whose husbands are in permanent employment. There are unknown numbers of women whose husbands are casual labourers. These suffer even more from anxiety and misery than do those whose lives are about to be described.

The carter or labourer or packer who earns 23s. a week regularly is likely to give 20s. a week to his wife. Out of the 3s. he keeps for himself, he dresses, smokes, drinks, and pays national insurance and club-money; possibly he also pays fares to and from work. It is not a sum which, looked at from the light of personal human experience, seems unduly luxurious.

But the woman is face to face with a harder problem and a greater responsibility than that of mere thwarted personal needs. She must house, feed, clothe, warm and clean for an uncertain number of persons. She has not even the power of deciding how large or how small the number shall be. She must choose rooms near her husband's work, no matter that rents may be high and housing inconvenient and unwholesome. She must choose food which is palatable to her husband, whether it be suited to the young children or not. The problem has to be worked out on a basis of 20s. a week. She probably married when her husband first earned £1 a week, and he most likely gave her 18s. By the time her allowance rises to 20s. there may be three or four children. Perhaps 23s. is a top wage, and when the family numbers eight persons the household allowance is still 20s. or, at the very most, 21s.

In London, and in most of the large industrial towns, such a family would live in one, two, or perhaps three, rooms. After a day's work the parents may have to share their bed with the two youngest children; the difference between them being that, if he can, the father sleeps through the various incidents of the night, while the mother is for ever on duty. After such crowded and disturbed sleep both children and parents rise tired and strained, to exist through another day's work on an average of 3d. or 3½d. a head for food all round the family. The bread-winner, perforce, gets at least 6d. a day spent on his food—he could not do his work efficiently on less. The mother and children, therefore, get about 2d. a head. In districts where rents are lower, wages for less skilled work are lower also, and the amount spent on food does not vary as much as might be supposed from the difference in rent.

Between bearing, nursing, and rearing children; scrubbing, sweeping, and cleaning rooms; washing, ironing, and mending clothes; cooking, serving, and clearing away meals, the labourer's wife lives a life of such extraordinary toil that only the most certain and brilliant future would explain equal devotion in a free human being. But all her ceaseless activity brings her no security, no prospects. Should her husband fail her—should his health give way—should he gamble or take to drink, her home, which she has worked so hard to make and to keep in order, fails her too. She is, when all is said and done, a kept woman. If through any cause, innocent or otherwise, her husband should fail her, she is thrown on to the labour market and its recognised "women's wages," with all her family to keep. She now becomes entirely responsible in the eye of the law. Even while her husband was maintaining her, she was legally responsible equally with him for the proper care of her children, whether her conditions were such as to enable her to care for them properly or not. An instance of this is the

case of the woman who lived so far from a well that it took her nearly an hour to fetch water from it. She was sent to prison by the local authorities because her house and her children went unwashed. Her husband was in receipt of low, regular wages, and her children were in good health.

A wife who, for any reason, is not maintained by her husband, becomes responsible for the whole maintenance of her chidren. She may have been the best of mothers, and motherhood is a calling which exacts strength, patience, wisdom, self-control, and industry. But though it is a calling which is of such national importance that if it were not carried on the nation would cease to exist, a mother, as such, has no status. Though she works so hard for them, her children are regarded as her husband's affair. Should he fail them, her home work, having no market value, cannot support them. They suddenly become her affair, and she has nothing. She can only look, in the terrible struggle before her, to the Destitution Authority.

If upright and careful mothers could rely for their children's best interests on any power that was always alive and always in work (so to speak), there would be some encouragement for women who felt themselves capable of self-denial, patience, and affectionate wisdom in the bringing up of children. As it is, the whole responsibility for the nurture and welfare of the next generation is left to the fathers, who, in many millions of cases, are wholly occupied in earning an insufficient wage and in their turn leave it to the mothers, who are ultimately expected to produce the children to the education officer clean and well cared for—mothers who are not the legal parent, have no money of their own, and are not even reckoned by the State to be worthy of consultation in its affairs! And yet no affair of the nation can equal in importance the work which is carelessly left to the overworked, underfed, impotent women. The well-being of the children of the nation should be a responsibility not only of the parent but of the State.

M. S. Reeves.

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Work in Slough is encouraging. Our Committee Room is lent us by Mr. James Elliman. It is a source of general interest and has brought Women's Suffrage well to the fore. Our canvassers have met with sympathy and willingness to be enrolled as "Friends of Women's Suffrage." On Thursday afternoon Mrs. Lachlan gives a drawing-room meeting for us. On Thursday evening the Slough branch of the National Union of Railwaymen held a meeting to hear a Suffrage speaker.

Mrs. and Miss Hartopp Nash, of Slough, have taken charge of the Committee Room daily, and the Misses Putnam have proved energetic canvassers. From Ascot have come Miss Hanbury, Miss Grant, and the Misses Forester, while Miss Violet Eustace, Mrs. Goolden, Mrs. Egbert Atherley-Jones, Miss Miller, and a bevy of Stewards for the public meeting gave invaluable help.

It was estimated that seven hundred people were in the Hall on Monday night, and three hundred were turned away from the doors. Mr. Baillie-Weaver and Miss Helen Ward roused the audience to enthusiasm, and the resolution demanding a Government measure was carried with acclamation. There were a few dissentients among a group at the back of the Hall. A collection of £2 11s. 7d. was taken. Literature and badges sold freely, and nineteen copies of The Common Cause. Seventy-five "Friends of Women's Suffrage were enrolled, bringing up our total in Slough to 166. We are sending a speaker to address the Women's Co-operative Guild on Tuesday night.

High Wycombe.—A good number of crowded open-air meetings have been held in High Wycombe and out-lying districts, at which great sympathy has been shown, and 180 new "Friends" have been gained for Woman Suffrage. On Friday night a great public meeting was held in the Town Hall, when Mrs. Scott took the Chair, and the speakers were Miss Royden and Miss Courtney. A resolution was put, demanding a Government measure, and this was carried enthusiastically in a full house, with only four dissentients.

At Amersham, on Monday, the Town Hall was packed to the doors, and a very enthusiastic meeting was held. After a lively question time, the resolution asking for a Government measure was carried by a large majority. A good collection was taken; forty-eight "Friends'" cards signed, and some new members secured.

Notes from Headquarters.

The National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies.
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Albert Hall Demonstration.

The rush for tickets for the 14th still continues, and, with the exception of a few 5s. seats in boxes, only shilling and sixpenny seats can now be had. Those who have not yet applied for tickets should write to headquarters at once. We want to urge all friends to wear badges (price 1d.) and to remove their hats. The aspiring ornaments which adorn this winter's hats are exasperating at a meeting, however exhilarating in the street, and we want everyone in the hall to have a good view of the speakers. And please remember that the meeting will begin punctually at 8 o'clock, and that all ticket-holders should try to be in their seats by 7.45 at latest.

Annual Council Meeting.

The final agenda will be in the hands of Secretaries of Societies on Monday, February 9th. The Council begins on Thursday afternoon, February 12th (2-6 p.m.), and will continue throughout Friday, and, if necessary, on Saturday morning. The Executive Committee of the London Society is holding a reception to the delegates at Caxton Hall on Friday, February 13th, from 8.30-11 p.m. Tickets are 2s. each for friends, half-price for members of the London Society.

Hospitality.

A very large number of delegates are looking forward to attending the Council Meetings on February 12th, 13th, and 14th, and we appeal for an additional number of hostesses to come forward with the very kind offer of hospitality which alone makes it possible for these delegates to come to London. Many of them would like to stay for the Demonstration Meeting in the Albert Hall, and in this case it would be necessary for them to be put up on Sunday as well. Members and others who are able to house a delegate, or delegates, from the 12th to the 16th, or for a part of this time, are begged to write without delay to Miss P. Strachey, London Society for Women's Suffrage, 58, Victoria Street, London, S.W.

Press Report.

An interesting series of articles called "Life in the Harem" has been published by the *Daily Telegraph*, and can be had from their publishing offices, 141, Fleet Street, E.C.

The *Islington Daily Gazette* of January 19th and 26th contains a very interesting account of Suffrage activities in Islington, and particulars of a meeting given by the Women's Co-operative Guild, at which "The Wastage of Child Life" was discussed. It is stated that the Guild have promised to attend the Albert Hall Demonstration.

Election Fighting Fund.

	£	s.	d.
Already acknowledged since November 1st, 1913	502	7	0
Miss P. G. Fawcett (5th instalment)	35	0	0

North-West Durham By-Election.

	£	s.	d.
Miss Alice Crompton (per Miss Gordon)		10	0
Miss E. G. Greg (per Miss Gordon)		10	0
	£538	7	0

Contributions to the General Fund.

	£	s.	d.
Already acknowledged since November 1st, 1913	966	19	4
Received, January 27th to February 2nd:—			
Subscriptions.			
Mrs. Helen B. Taylor	1	1	0
Miss E. Lamport	5	0	0
Miss Kitty F. Jones		5	0
Mrs. Bertram		2	0
Dr. Eveline Cargill	1	1	0
Miss J. M. Marett		5	0
Miss A. Kathleen Ellis		1	0
Miss Florence Auerbach ...		10	0
Mrs L. Matheson		10	6
Mrs. Edward Haynes	1	0	0
Donations.			
Mrs Percy Thompson (in memory of Sidney Gilchrist Thomas)	20	0	0
Subscription to Information Bureau.			
Miss A. M. Allen	1	1	0
Lincoln W.S.S.	1	1	0
Affiliation Fees.			
Bournemouth W.S.S.	3	15	0
Chester W.S.S.	1	9	0
Hitchin W.S.S.	2	3	3
Louth W.S.S.		9	0
Newton-le-Willows W.S.S. ...		5	6
Innerleithen W.S.S.	2	5	0
Cardiff W.S.S.	14	12	6
Rhyl W.S.S.		11	6
Edinburgh W.S.S.	13	3	9
Cambridge W.S.S.	6	17	9
Worcester W.S.S.	1	19	3
Criccieth W.S.S.	1	8	6
Bridge of Weir W.S.S.	1	7	0
Ascot W.S.S.	1	6	9
Bracknell W.S.S.		9	0
Newhaven W.S.S.		7	6
Scalby W.S.S.		7	3
Tynemouth W.S.S.	1	1	0
Cambridge University Women's Society for W.S.	5	17	9
Southwold W.S.S.	1	3	3
Burnham and District W.S.S.	1	3	3
Cirencester W.S.S.		13	6
	£1,061	13	1

[Owing to lack of space, we are obliged to defer acknowledgment of some of the affiliation fees received until next week.—Ed., C.C.]

COMMON CAUSE WEEK IN SWANSEA.

The Swansea Society is embarking on a Special Campaign this week, with a view to increasing the circulation of The Common Cause in the town and district. Not only in Swansea itself, but at Mumbles, Morriston, and even Neath, an enthusiastic band of workers will sell the paper, in the street, from house to house, outside theatres and music-halls, and at any meetings where sympathisers are likely to be found. Most of the principal newsagents have promised to display special bills, and several other methods of advertising have been arranged. The President, who is abroad, is sending a cheque towards expenses, and other members who are unable to give personal help have also contributed towards the fund. It happens that the Annual Meeting, a Lecture by Miss Muriel Matters, three Drawing-room Meetings, and three Trades Union Meetings occur during The Common Cause week, so a large number of copies ought to be disposed of without difficulty.

History of the Swansea Society.

The Swansea branch of the N.U.W.S.S. came into being almost exactly two years ago, its inaugural meeting having been held on February 7th, 1912. It began modestly with only twenty-six members, but with an excellent President and Vice-President—two very well-known and popular ladies—and a Drawing-room Meeting in May, addressed by Miss Helen Fraser, raised its numbers to about forty. Its history so far has been quiet and uneventful, the only exciting moment being when the new policy of the N.U. was started, when for a few moments the whole fate of the Society seemed to hang in the balance! It was, however, soon agreed that there was no need to argue about the matter, as the local member, Sir Alfred Mond, is a tried and staunch supporter of Women's Suffrage, and in our case no difficulty need arise.

After that we plodded steadily on, our meetings (chiefly drawing-room meetings: our Swansea ladies are very hospitable) being generally addressed by Miss Helen Fraser or Miss Muriel Matters, who divide between them the chief affections of Swansea Suffragists. We now number a little over 200, and our ambition is to have doubled last year's membership (110) by our next annual meeting on February 11th.

[Photo] [Chapman, Swansea.

MISS DILLWYN,
President of the Swansea Branch.

Just now we are indulging in a perfect outburst of energy, owing to the advent of an organiser sent from our Federation headquarters. When the offer of assistance came we replied with a grateful "Thank you!" and prepared to sit down and have a rest while the organiser organised. Fond hope! The lady (quite young) arrived, and was extremely kind, and said several nice things about us. She had only one suggestion to make, and that was that we should do just twice as much as we were doing already. She said we must send speakers to Trades Union meetings and get resolutions passed. We must begin to work the "Friends of Women's Suffrage" Scheme. We must have a Common Cause week, and double its circulation here. And last, but not least, we must have *fortnightly* members' meetings.

We said, "But no one will come to them." She replied, "It doesn't matter whether anyone comes or not. You must still have meetings." We begged for meetings monthly rather than fortnightly, and were overcome with gratitude when she relented and kindly consented to let us hold only twelve a year. Then we heaved a sigh, and set to work; there has been a splendid response, and what looked a most formidable task is turning out quite easy. The "atmosphere" in Swansea as regards our Cause is now most encouraging. People are ready to hear about the Suffrage, and to take an intelligent interest in it, and even if they do not straightway join our Society, most of them, and especially perhaps the men, wish us success. We confidently hope that this special Campaign Week will do much to increase the popularity of The Common Cause.

P. M. M.
L. A. T. Hon. Secs.

The President of the Swansea Branch, N.U.W.S.S.

Amongst the members of the Swansea Society there is a general feeling that the Special Swansea number of The Common Cause would be found wanting unless it included some mention of our esteemed President, Miss E. A. Dillwyn. She has worked wonders in the cause of Suffrage by her untiring efforts in the local Society, and by the example she has set as an active member of public bodies in the district.

Miss Dillwyn was born in 1845 at Park Wern, Swansea. She is the daughter of Mr. L. L. Dillwyn, M.P. for Swansea from 1855 to 1892. After his death his daughter became the chief director of the works of Dillwyn & Co., spelter manufacturers. She carried on the business for several years, during which time she was a member of the Swansea Chamber of Commerce, and a regular attendant at its meetings. Formerly a Guardian of the Poor for Swansea Union, she is now on the Board of Guardians for the district of Gower. Miss Dillwyn does not confine her interests to reform or commerce. Besides being an excellent linguist, she has published several novels, and is a reviewer for the *Spectator*. In private life she is an enthusiastic player of bridge, and, as such, has used her influence to draw the threads of social life in her locality more closely together. She has furthered this desirable end, moreover, by her constant generosity in subscribing to the expense of local entertainments and meetings, and encouraging a more general patronage of these functions. In the Swansea Society "tea provided by Miss Dillwyn" will make the success of meetings a foregone conclusion. Her occasional absence from the scene of her labours is felt as keenly as her presence is appreciated. It is hard to imagine the growth of the Swansea Society without its President.

"WOMAN'S KINGDOM."

N.U.W.S.S., 14, Great Smith Street, Westminster.

Organiser: Miss V. C. C. Collum.
Treasurer: Miss M. M. Longley.

Commissionaires' Corps.

We are still badly in need of more Commissionaires. The work of the Corps will be most interesting, and not very arduous, except for the long hours; and the simple tunic uniform will not cost the commissionaires more than half a crown at the outside. If one or two already enrolled will help to enlist some more members it would be of great assistance.

Hospitality.

So far we have had very few offers of hospitality. There are 4,000 members of the National Union in London; we should be grateful if members who see The Common Cause would canvass friends who do not—both for hospitality and annual subscriptions to the paper.

Section Organisation.

We are more than grateful to Miss Hibbert Ware for coming forward in response to last week's appeal to undertake the organisation of the Magic Lantern Popular Lectures and Suffrage Talks, and to Mrs. Bright for offering to help Miss Dorothy Courtney, our Arts and Crafts Honorary Secretary. Miss Nellie Kelsall is acting as Hon. Secretary to the Commissionaires' Corps, at the Exhibition Office. We could do with many more helpers in the office, and still need somebody to take over the organisation of the Science Section, the Bazaar, and one or two smaller jobs. And no one has offered a donkey for the Camping section!

Time and Labour Saving Devices.

If any reader has in use any time or labour saving device or invention which she can recommend from personal experience, we should be glad if she would send us the manufacturer's address, together with a short testimonial for private use only.

V. C. C. Collum.

Further Advertisement Donations.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
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A Member			6	Miss Frances Sterling	10	0	
Mrs. Hall	1	0	0	Miss Raisin	1	6	
Mrs. Yorke Smith	1	0	0	Two Friends of the Cause ...	1	6	
Miss Mathieson	1	0	0	Miss Allmond	1	6	
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Miss Aitken	1	0	0	Miss Sibly	7	6	
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[We regret that, owing to lack of space, we are unable to complete the list of donations this week.]

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News from the Societies and Federations.

Correspondents are urged to send in their reports not later than the Monday morning (first post) before the date on which they are due to appear.

London.

ERITH.—Miss M. Goddard addressed the Erith I.L.P. on January 22nd—Mr. Watts in the Chair—Resolution carried unanimously—Eighteen copies of THE COMMON CAUSE sold—Twenty-three "Friends" enrolled—Delegates appointed for the Albert Hall Meeting on February 14th.

ISLINGTON.—The Secretary addressed the Women's Co-operative Guild on the need for women having the power to prevent the wastage of child-life. She also spoke of the Albert Hall Meeting, and several members promised to attend and bring their banner. Three are now members of the N.U., and more are likely to join.

NORWOOD.—On January 12th Miss Ruth Young addressed a meeting of the West Norwood Sisterhood (Congregational Church, Chapel Road), and was listened to with much interest. One member joined.

PECKHAM.—On Sunday afternoon, January 18th, Miss Ruth Young addressed a meeting of the Men's Own at the Peckham Rye Tabernacle. The audience seemed much interested. Literature was distributed, and "Friends" enrolled.

TOWER HILL.—A meeting was held on January 7th, at 12.15, Miss Fielden and Miss Walshe being the speakers. In spite of the terribly cold day, we had a splendid meeting, with a large and attentive crowd. Eight copies of THE COMMON CAUSE were sold, and fifteen "Friends" enrolled.

Another meeting was held on January 16th. Chair, Mrs. Watson—Speakers, Mrs. Rackham (of Cambridge) and Miss Goddard—Twelve copies of THE COMMON CAUSE sold—Several "Friends" enrolled. A great many of those present were already "Friends."

ST. GEORGES-IN-THE-EAST.—A public meeting was held in a room at the Town Hall on January 16th. Miss Rosamond Smith in the Chair—Speakers, Miss M. Martineau and Miss Ruth Young. The audience was keen and appreciative, and forty-five "Friends" were enrolled.

EAST ST. PANCRAS.—A social evening was held on January 15th at 187, Camden Road. Hostess, Mrs. Davies—Speaker, Miss Rinder. Miss Salisbury and Miss Duncan recited, and Miss Boothroyd kindly played the piano.

ALBERT HALL MEETING.—The London Society is meeting with great encouragement in its area in connection with the arrangements for the presence of representatives of organised bodies of men, and of men demonstrators at the Albert Hall Meeting on February 14th. In many cases, where the infrequency of business meetings, or other reasons, prevent the appointment of an official delegate, leading members of various organisations intend to be present to show their goodwill, and in many other cases the appointments are not yet made.

Among those bodies, however, who have already quite definitely instructed official delegates are the following (unless otherwise stated, the delegates represent the whole body):—Amalgamated Society of Engineers, Paddington and Kensington Labour Council (membership 2,000), Amalgamated Society of Leather Workers, Paddington Constitutional Union (membership 3,000), Tottenham and Wood Green Liberal and Radical Federation (membership 2,000), London Council of the Railway Clerks' Association of Great Britain and Ireland, London and Provincial Union of Licensed Vehicle Workers, Ditto (C. and C. Branch), Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners (Finsbury Park Branch), National Union of Vehicle Workers (No. 61 Branch), National Union of Railwaymen (Clapham Junction Branch), Ditto (Paddington No. 1 Branch), North Kensington I.L.P., Jewish Bakers' Union, Municipal Employees' Association (Hammersmith Branch), Brixton I.L.P., Tooting I.L.P., National Vehicle Workers' Union, Surbiton I.L.P., Deptford Branch of the Dockers' Union, Erith I.L.P., Hoxton I.L.P., London Ladies' Tailors, Machinists and Pressers, Tramwaymen's Union (Clapham Branch), United Kingdom Society of Coachmakers (London Branch). To the above should be added the King's Cross Branch and the Bermondsey Branch of the National Union of Railwaymen. As new names are constantly being added, the list is not classified in any way.

EALING AND ACTON.—The first of a series of three meetings was held on January 22nd in West Ealing. Miss J. H. Thomson and Miss Chick were the speakers. Miss Harston was in the Chair. Ten "Friends" were enrolled.

On January 28th a successful meeting was held at Mrs. McBride's, Ingleside, when Mrs. Savory was the speaker, and Mrs. Vane Turner took the Chair. Three new members and one "Friend" were enrolled. Seven copies of THE COMMON CAUSE were sold.

FULHAM.—A meeting was held in the Fulham Town Hall on January 26th. Chairman, D. M. Mason, Esq., M.P. The speakers, Mrs. Swanwick, Theodore Gugenheim, Esq., and Rev. H. B. Berlyn received enthusiastic support, and the resolution demanding a Government measure was carried unanimously. Votes of thanks were also accorded to the speakers and Chairman.

NORTH HACKNEY.—January 29th.—One Branch gave a Gipsy Entertainment, arranged by one of our members, at All Saints' Hall, Aden Grove. "A Chat with Mrs. Chicky" was played during the second half of the very enjoyable evening, and in the interval the Vicar, the

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Rev. Robert MacKenny, made a most able speech, showing that women stood for all that was good and beautiful in life, and how necessary it was to grant them the vote as a power of expression in those things especially touching them in their home life. He mentioned the Albert Hall Meeting, and invited men to attend it. Many "Friends" of Suffrage cards were signed, and some copies of THE COMMON CAUSE were sold.

NORTH LAMBETH.—On January 28th Miss Goddard addressed a women's meeting, on "The Home and the State," at the Waterloo Road Chapel. Seven "Friends" were enrolled.

TOWER HILL.—On January 28th a good meeting, with many questions, was held, among the speakers being Miss Helen Ward and Miss Hamilton.

WANDSWORTH.—Miss G. Hill presided at a meeting of women on January 29th at the Primitive Methodist Lecture Hall, High Street, which was addressed by Miss Helen Ward. Several members of the Wandsworth Committee entertained the guests to an admirably arranged tea. Twenty-six "Friends" were enrolled.

CHISWICK AND BEDFORD PARK.—A drawing-room meeting was held, by kind invitation of Mrs. Campbell, "Tir-na-n-og," Grove Park, Chiswick, on January 26th. Mrs. Dale was in the Chair. Mrs. Savory gave a most interesting address on "The Moral Aspect of the Women's Suffrage Movement." The attendance was very good. Two new members joined, and several "Friends." Three ladies volunteered to help in various ways. Ten copies of THE COMMON CAUSE were sold.

South Wales and Monmouth.

SWANSEA.—At the following meetings Mrs. H. C. Hicks was the speaker:—

January 17th, to the Workers' Union at the Labour Exchange. There was only a small meeting, so the Secretary asked the Painters' Union if they would like to hear the speaker. An excellent meeting followed. The National Amalgamated Society of Operative House and Ship Painters passed a resolution by thirty-six to one. Eighteen copies of THE COMMON CAUSE were sold.

January 19th, to the Tailors' Union, at the Labour Exchange. A resolution was passed unanimously. Several signed "Friends'" cards, and copies of THE COMMON CAUSE were sold.

January 20th, to the Women's Labour League I.L.P. This was a small meeting.

On the same day Mrs. Hicks spoke to the Shop Assistants at the Cartry Restaurant. There was a large meeting. A resolution was passed unanimously, seven "Friends'" cards were signed, and a wish was expressed that a debate might be arranged for them.

January 21st, to the Railway Clerks, at the Labour Exchange. The meeting was too small to pass the resolution, which was left with the Chairman to be debated at a future meeting. Many questions were asked, and five copies of THE COMMON CAUSE were sold.

January 22nd, to a members' meeting, at the Y.W.C.A., when arrangements were made for a COMMON CAUSE Week.

February 2nd—Debate at Conservative Club—Miss Gladys Pott (*anti*) and Miss Foxley, M.A. (*pro*)—Resolution in favour passed by good majority—Meeting crowded.

CARDIFF AND DISTRICT.—At the following meetings Miss Helen Fraser has been the speaker:—

January 6th, at the Congregational Church, Penarth, on "The Child and the State," followed by an interesting discussion.

January 8th, at the Women's and Girl's Institute, Penarth.

January 18th, to a crowded meeting at the Jewish Institute. A lively and interesting discussion followed, and three new members joined.

January 19th, to a Mothers' Meeting at the Congregational Church, Penarth; and on the same day Miss Fraser lectured at the Ebenezer Welsh Church, on "Women and Social Reform." The Chairman, the Rev. H. M. Hughes, said this lecture had helped him greatly to understand the motive and the spirit of the movement.

January 22nd.—At Windsor Place Congregational Church, Miss Fraser lectured on "The Child and the State," and aroused great interest; and on the same day she addressed the B.W.T.A.

January 23rd, at a drawing-room meeting given by Mrs. Treborth Jones.

January 25th, at a meeting of the I.L.P. held in Splott.

January 26th, at a meeting arranged by Mr. Joseph Davies at the Parish Hall, Dinas Powis, on "The Child and the State." She had a very interested audience. On the same day, at the Congregational Church, Barry, she spoke on "The World Movement of Women's Suffrage." An interesting discussion followed.

January 27th, at a drawing-room meeting given by Mr. Jenkins, Llandaff. At this meeting, together with that given by Mrs. Treborth Jones, thirteen new members joined. On the same day, Miss Fraser addressed a meeting of the Young Liberal League in the Central Hotel, when a resolution was carried with two dissentients.

On January 28th, at the Vredegarville Baptist Church, a lecture on "The Child and the State." On this occasion, also, the lecture aroused great interest.

On January 29th, at a meeting held at the Mission Church (St. Saviour's), Splott. The hostess, Mrs. Herbert Jones, had got together a very large audience. Mr. Herbert Jones presided. Mrs. Parker, a member of the Board of Guardians, moved a resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Millward, and carried unanimously. Over sixty "Friends" of Women's Suffrage were enrolled.

On January 30th Mrs. Sibbering Jones arranged a drawing-room meeting at Penshurst, Barry, which was very large and aroused great interest. Eighteen new members joined, bringing the membership of this Society to 1,200. Six dozen copies of THE COMMON CAUSE have been sold. It was suggested that a Suffrage lending library should be started for Barry.

LAMPETER.—On January 15th, a very successful dance was organised at the Memorial Hall. There were about twenty-five couples present, and all evidently enjoyed the dance, which ended at midnight. Suffrage posters were placed in prominent places, and added to the other decorations of the hall. Miss Delia Price and Miss Cissy James, occasionally relieved by friends, supplied excellent music for the dancing. Mr. E. Davies (Velindre) acted as M.C

NEATH.—On January 5th, Miss Harvey, Organiser for the Federation, arranged a social evening, at which Miss Foxley, M.A., spoke, and the Society was re-organised. Mr. Graham, who was appointed Hon. Treasurer, had been the Hon. Secretary, and especial thanks are due to him for keeping the Society together until a woman was found to take the post of Secretary. The new Hon. Secretary is Mrs. Tonner.

PONTYPRID.—Miss Harvey has approached the Postman's Union. The Secretary has promised to suggest to his Committee that the National Union be allowed to send a speaker to their annual dinner, at which representatives of all the various Post Office officials will be present. Miss Harvey has addressed a meeting of the Y.M.C.A., who have also promised to accept speakers.

BRIDGEND.—Miss Harvey is arranging for a public meeting, at which Miss Foxley, M.A., will speak.

East Midland.

CHESTERFIELD.—A series of five cottage meetings have been held during the autumn and winter, at which addresses have been given on Suffrage and other women's questions. The speakers were Mrs. Luddelow, Mrs. Whitley, Miss E. Pearson, Miss Blackstone, and Mrs. Lawrence. Though the numbers present have necessarily been small, it is felt that good work has been done, the women taking a keen interest in the subjects and taking part in the discussions.

DERBY.—Mrs. Worthington is giving a series of lectures on "Women and Children" at Driffield. The Derby Society have taken a shop for three months from March, rather experimentally, but they hope it may be a successful venture.

LEICESTER.—Miss Blackstone (N.U. Organiser) stayed in Leicester from January 14th to 23rd, addressing drawing-room meetings, meetings of societies, and meetings of "Friends." On January 15th she addressed a meeting at South Wigston, arranged by the Wigston Branch of the I.L.P. The Suffrage resolution was passed unanimously, and the proceeds of the collection were sent to the Mandate Fund. Miss Blackstone also called on some of the Leicester Trade Union and I.L.P. Secretaries with regard to the Albert Hall Demonstration.

MELTON MOWBRAY.—Miss Blackstone gave an address, on January 19th, in the Congregational Schoolroom, to the Brotherhood Social Service Section, on "The Women's Question." Mr. Stuart Smith, B.A., was in the chair, and an interesting discussion followed the address.

PETERBOROUGH.—From January 8th to 13th Miss Blackstone worked in Peterborough, helping the Society to arrange their lectures, and interviewing the Secretaries of the Branches of the N.U.R., Trades Council, &c., with a view to getting these organisations to send delegates to the Albert Hall Demonstration. She also addressed a dinner-hour meeting of factory girls, and a Women's Adult School, at which eight "Friends" were gained.

Manchester and District Federation.

The N.U. sent a special Trade Union Organiser—Miss Thompson—to work in Blackburn during the week, December 13th—20th, in collaboration with our Organiser, Mrs. Annot Robinson. Some days were spent visiting the members of the Blackburn and District Weavers' Association, a body of great influence in the town, with a membership of 24,0000. There was no opposition to our resolution, which was adopted, and the Board of this Weavers' Association will bring it up for discussion at the next quarterly meeting of members. The Committee of the Spinners' Association was approached, and are considering our resolution. Other Trade Unions in Blackburn which have passed Suffrage resolutions are: Typographical Society, Shop Assistants' Union, Postmen's Federation, Association of Carpenters and Joiners, Builders Labourers' Union, Iron Grinders, Operative Flaggers, Painters and Decorators (Adult Suffrage Resolution), Weavers' Association, Trades and Labour Council.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—The monthly meeting of the Ashton Society was held on January 13th at the Mecca Café. Speaker, Rev. A. C. Sinclair; Chairman, Miss A. Harding.

BRIERFIELD.—Joint Meeting of Clitheroe W.S.S. and Brierfield I.L.P.—January 21st—Chair, Mrs. Mullion—Speaker, Miss Ellen Wilkinson, M.A.

CHEADLE.—January 21st—An At Home at the Debleach Hall (kindly lent by Mrs. Watts)—Chairman, Mrs. Spence—Speakers, Mrs. E. D. Simon and Mrs. Tomlinson—Nine "Friends"—Two new members.

COLNE.—Joint meeting of Clitheroe W.S.S. and Colne I.L.P.—January 25th—Chair, Mrs. Burrell—Speaker, Miss Beanland.

HYDE.—January 21st—Meeting for members and "Friends"—Speakers, Mrs. Tomlinson and Miss Bredson—Chair, Mrs. Enfield Dowson. During business meeting twenty new members joined, and it was decided to hold monthly meetings.

Manchester Society.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The forty-sixth annual meeting of the Manchester Society was held in the Y.M.C.A. Hall on January 22nd. A good number of members listened with much interest to the Secretary's report and the financial statement. The Treasurer, Miss G. Taylor, made an urgent appeal for increased subscriptions. The Hon. Officers appointed were: Chairman, Miss

Margaret Ashton, M.A.; Hon. Secretary, Miss G. Taylor; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Hiller; Hon. Press Secretary, Mrs. Chapman; Hon. Literature Secretary, Mrs. Ogden; Hon. COMMON CAUSE Secretary, Miss K. Radcliffe. The new Committee elected includes Mrs. G. G. Armstrong, Mrs. Brooks, Miss L. Cox, Mrs. D'Anquier, Mrs. Oppenheimer, Mrs. Norbury, Mr. J. J. Orr, Miss T. Potts, M.A., Mrs. Ransome, Miss Rothwell, Mrs. Alfred Simon, Mr. Neville Smith, Mrs. Muter Wilson, and Miss J. Woolley. The meeting concluded with an address on the E.F.F. work of the National Union by Miss Margaret Robertson.

NORTH-EAST MANCHESTER.—The Ancoats Suffrage Club has resolved to send a delegate to the Albert Hall Demonstration, and is arranging a Whist Drive to defray expenses. The Club has held two successful meetings in January.

EAST MANCHESTER.—On January 29th a meeting was held in the Gospel Temperance Hall, Ashton New Road, and a pleasant programme of music and recitations was much enjoyed. The speakers were Miss Ashton and Mr. McQueenie, Parliamentary Agent to Mr Sutton, M.P. Mrs. Annot Robinson was in the Chair. Thirty-six of the men and women present gave in their names as members of the Suffrage and Labour Club to be opened in the division.

The NORTH SALFORD Committee arranged a debate at the Lecture Hall, Presbyterian Church, Kersal, on January 19th. Against the Suffrage: Miss Cordelia Moir, N.L.O.W.S.; For the Suffrage: Miss Leadley Brown. There was a large audience, and the Anti-suffrage resolution was beaten by a big majority. Chairman, Mr. Noton Barclay.

LEVENSHULME.—On January 20th the recently-formed Committee for Levenshulme and Burnage held a very successful social meeting in the Lecture Hall of the Congregational Church, Burnage Lane, Levenshulme. The Rev. James Le Pla took the Chair, and an excellent address was delivered by Mrs. Muter Wilson. Fifteen new members were enrolled. Eleven "Friends'" cards were signed, and two dozen copies of THE COMMON CAUSE were sold. Musical items were provided by Mrs. Georgia Pearce, Miss Nora Lewins, and Mr. Henderson.

AT HOMES.—During the past month three meetings have been held on Monday afternoons at Parker's Restaurant, St. Ann's Square, Manchester. Speakers, Miss M. Ashton, Miss Bridson, Rev. W. Whittaker —Hostesses, Miss Hertz, Miss Woolley, and Mrs. Hickson.

ROMILEY.—A very successful public meeting was held in the Public Hall on January 23rd. Mr. P. Powicke was in the Chair, and Miss Susan Lawrence, L.C.C., gave a most interesting address on "Women and Labour." Many "Friends" were enrolled.

RADCLIFFE.—Two meetings of the Women's Suffrage Club have been held at the Co-operative Hall. January 6th—the Chair was taken by Mrs. Ogden, and a paper on "The Care of the Feeble-minded and the Mental Deficiency Act" was given by Mrs. Keech. January 20th—Chair, Mrs. F. S. Barnes; Miss Dutton spoke on "The Mother and Child and the State." Copies of THE COMMON CAUSE were sold on both occasions.

ROCHDALE.—The Rochdale W.S. Society held a social evening and meeting in the Assembly Rooms, Water Street, on January 29th. Mr. F. D. Toyne, M.A., presided. Dr. Richmond gave an address on "The Care of Little Children." Miss Watson recited, and the Misses Sheard and Wilcox sang. Copies of THE COMMON CAUSE were sold, and "Friends" of Women Suffrage cards signed.

STOCKPORT.—A meeting of members was held in Crossley's Café on January 19th, at which forty-one were present. An excellent paper on "Moral Hygiene" was given by Mrs. Ormerod. Two new members joined, and seventeen copies of THE COMMON CAUSE were sold.

Items of Interest.

New Suffrage Society.

A new society, called the United Suffragists, has been formed with a view to uniting men and women who regard Women's Suffrage as the foremost political issue of the day, and will work for it without considering the interests of any political party. Full particulars may be obtained from the Secretary, Mr. Charles Gray, at 3, Adam Street, Strand, W.C.

"The Dansant."

A very successful play *The Dansant* was given by the Actresses' Franchise League on January 29th at the Empress Rooms.

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Forthcoming Meetings.

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London.

FEBRUARY 6.

East St. Pancras—22, Bartholomew Road—General Meeting—Hostesses, the Misses Jones—Miss Palliser on "The Present Position of the Suffrage Movement" 8.0

Islington—Barnsbury Hall, Upper Street—Suffrage Club Meeting 7.30

FEBRUARY 11.

Hammersmith—Gladstone Club, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush—Miss Emily Hill, P.L.G., on "Women in Municipal Life" 3.0

Mile End Road Branch—Latimer Hall, Bridge Street—Meeting of the British Women's Temperance Association 8.0

Waterloo Branch—Wesleyan Chapel, Waterloo Road—Miss Janet Thomson, M.A., on "Josephine Butler" 3.0

FEBRUARY 12.

East St. Pancras—187, Camden Road—Drawing-room Meeting—Speaker, Mrs. Rogers 8.0

Islington—Barnsbury Hall, Upper Street—Suffrage Club Meeting 7.30

St. George's, Hanover Square—16, Morton Street—St. George's Liberal Association—Debate—Speakers, Mrs. Gladstone Solomon and Miss M. Ransom 8.15

FEBRUARY 13.

Balham—Balham Assembly Rooms (Minor Hall)—Entertainment—Sketch by the Actresses' Franchise League—Speaker, Mr. Malcolm Mitchell 8.15

Hammersmith—Brook Green Hotel, Shepherd's Bush Road—Meeting of the National Union of Railwaymen 9.0

Islington—Barnsbury Hall, Upper Street—Suffrage Club Meeting 7.30

The Provinces.

Bridgend—Town Hall—Speaker, Miss Foxley, M.A.—Chair, Mr G. Harris 8.0

FEBRUARY 6.

Mellis—Speaker, Miss Waring 8.0

Newcastle—Berrar Bridge Assembly Rooms—Dance—Tickets, 8s. 8.30

Norwich—Social Evening for Working Girls—Hostess, Miss Constance E. Smith 8.15—9.30

Portsmouth—The Suffrage Rooms, 2, Kent Road—Speaker, Dr. Kirkness—Chair, Dr. Marie Grigsby 3.0

Dr. Marion Philips on "Infant Mortality"—Chair, Miss Whillier 8.0

Saltburn—Speaker, Miss Muriel Matters 8.0

Scarborough—"Friends'" Meeting—Mr. R. S. Dower, M.A., on "Housing: The Legislative Remedies"—Chair, Mr. A. M. Daniel, J.P. 8.0

Shipley—Oak Royd, Nab Wood—Drawing-room Meeting—Hostess, Mrs. H. Ayrton—Speaker, Mrs. Renton 3.0

Southampton—The Art Gallery, 125, Above Bar—Mrs. Alys Russell, B.A., on "Schools for Mothers" 3.30

Wrexham—Members' and "Friends'" Meeting—Miss C. Leadley on "The Child and the State"—Chair, Dr. Roberts 7.30

FEBRUARY 7.

Bristol—30, Park Street—West of England Federation Committee 10.45

Thendeston—Speaker, Miss Waring 8.0

FEBRUARY 8.

Letchworth—I.L.P.—Miss Creak on "Joseph Mazzini and the Women's Movement" 7.30

Swansea—Working Men's Club—Meeting of the A.S.R.S. Union—Speaker, Mrs. H. Hicks 6.30

FEBRUARY 9.

Bolton—St. Luke's Parochial Hall, Oxford Grove—Speakers, Miss C. Leadley Brown and Mr. P. B. Barlow, B.A.—Chair, Mrs. Gibbon 7.45

Braisworth—Speaker, Miss Waring 8.0

Cambridge—20, Green Street—Speakers, Mrs. Macintosh and Miss Sheepshanks 8.0

Croydon—34a, The Arcade, High Street—Miss Musselwhite on "Poor Law Children" 3.30

Gerrard's Cross—Assembly Hall, Oak End Way—Speakers, Miss Muriel Matters and Miss Dora Mason—Chair, Mrs. R. H. Berney—Doors open, 7.45 8.15

Higham—Meeting 8.0

Manchester—Parker's Restaurant, St. Ann's Square—At Home—Speaker, Mrs. Tattersall 4.0—5.30

South Salford Suffrage Club, Oldfield Hall—Speaker, Mrs. Norbury 8.0

Marple—Drawing-room Meeting—Hostess, Mrs. Budenberg—Speaker, Miss Helen Fraser—Chair, Mrs. Hiller 3.0

Newton-le-Willows—Earlestown Town Hall Lecture Hall—Speaker, Mrs. Annot Robinson—Chair, Mr. Gee—Progressive Whist

Swansea—Stonemason's Union—Speaker, Mrs. H. Hicks 9.0

Warrington—Atkinson's Café—Ten minutes' speeches by Miss Pemberton, Miss Wilkinson, Miss Hill, and Mrs. Farmer

FEBRUARY 10.

Ashton-under-Lyne—Mecca Café (Fleet Street Entrance)—The Rev. H. Parnaby, M.A., on "The Religious Aspect of Women's Suffrage" 7.45

Bishop's Stortford—Town Hall—Speakers, The Lady Frances Balfour and Mrs. Rackham—Chair, E. O. Vulliamy 8.0

Bournemouth—Wilkin's Restaurant—At Home—Hostess, Miss Fonblanque 4.0—6.0

Brighton—Franchise Club, 4, New Road—Miss L. Churchman on "Women in Ancient Rome and their Position To-day" 5.0

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Darlington—Temperance Institute—Speaker, Mrs. Stanley Leatties—Chair, Mrs. A. F. Pease—Collection for Mandate Fund 3.0
East Bristol—1, Barrow Road—Miss Organe on "The Little Commonwealth" 3.0
Great Missenden—Public Hall—Speakers, Miss G. Cooke and Mrs. Garrett Jones—Chair, Mrs. Savory 8.0
Hastings—The Suffrage Club—Mrs. P. S. Barlow on "Some Educational Aspects of the Feminist Movement"
Rugby—The Church House—Miss Irene Cox on "How our Industrial Laws Help Women and Children" 8.0
Salisbury—Victoria Hall—Public Meeting—Miss Helen Fraser on "The Child and the State"—Chair, Miss L. Paterson 8.15
Swansea—Labour Exchange—National Furnishing Trade Union—Speaker, Mrs. H. Hicks
Watford—Co-operative Hall—Co-operative Women's Guild Meeting—Speaker, Mrs. Kelly 8.0

FEBRUARY 11.

Accrington—Blackburn Road—Meeting for Members and "Friends"—Hostess, Mrs. Hoyes—Speaker, Mrs. Hill
Birmingham—Town Hall—Speakers, Miss A. Maude Royden, Dr. Marion Phillips, Sir Victor Horsley—Chair, the Rev. S. M. Berry, M.A. 8.0
Dorridge—"Woodlea"—Drawing-room Meeting—Hostess, Mrs. English—Miss Irene Cox on "Women and Children in Factories and Workshops, and How to Help Them"—Chair, Miss Violetta Thurstan
Gateshead—1, Cuthbert Street, Bensham—Councillor Fibbens on "The Needs of our School Children"—Elocutionist, Mrs. D. Dolan 7.30
Oldham—Music Room, Werneth Park—Meeting for Members and "Friends"—Speaker, Miss S. E. Wright—Chair, Miss Lees 7.45
Swansea—Llewellyn Hall—Annual Meeting of Swansea Branch of N.U. 7.0
Miss Muriel Matters on "Ibsen's Social Dramas and their Bearing on Modern Problems"—Tickets, 1s. and 6d. 8.0
Whitby Bay—Poresi's Café—Whist Drive—Speaker, Miss Tomlinson
Winchester—Oddfellows' Hall, St. George's Street—Miss Bathurst on "Experiences of a Government School Inspector" 5.30
York—63, Boothams—Meeting organised by the B.W.T.A.—Speaker, Mrs. Meyer 3.0

FEBRUARY 12

East Bristol—Dicussion Class for Men and Women
Leamington—Salisbury Hall, Windsor Street—Dramatic Entertainment and Sale 7.30
Manchester—396, Oldham Road—Ancoats Suffrage Club 8.0
Swansea—Y.W.C.A Rooms—Drawing-room Meeting—Speaker, Mrs. H Hicks 3.30

FEBRUARY 13.

Wolverhampton—St. Peter's Institute—Drawing-room Meeting—Hostess, Mrs. Sparrow—Speakers, Mrs. Kempthorne on "The Spiritual Aspect of the Women's Movement," the Rev. G. D. Rosenthal on "The Problem of Poverty and Women's Suffrage," Mrs. Henry Yorke Stanger, and Mr. Geoffrey le M. Mander, J.P.—Chair, Mr. Watson Caldecott, M.A.

Scotland.

FEBRUARY 6.

Brora—Drill Hall—At Home"—Tableaux and Dance 8.0
Edinburgh—40, Shandwick Place—At Home—Miss Margaret Robertson, B.A., on "The Election Fighting Fund Policy of the National Union" 4.30
Falkirk—Hergh Street—Drawing-room Meeting—Hostess, Mrs. Alexander—Speaker, Miss Muriel Craigie—Chair, Mrs. Robb 8.0
Glasgow—Charing Cross Halls—Public Meeting—Mrs. James T. Hunter on "The Social Evil" 3.0
M'Lellan Galleries—Reception to Mrs. Henry Fawcett, LL.D., and the Rt. Hon. W. H. Dickinson, P.C., M.P. 8.30—10.30
Haddington—Hiring Day—Open-air Meetings—Speaker, Miss Alice Crompton, M.A.

FEBRUARY 7.

Kelso—The Hall—Speaker, Dr. Elsie Inglis 4.0
Pumpherston—The Institute—Public Meeting—Speaker, Miss Margaret Robertson, B.A.—Chair, Miss Pressley Smith 8.0

FEBRUARY 8.

Alloa—Museum Hall—Mrs. Ross on "Why a Christian must be a Politician" 7.30
Kirkcudbright—Café Chantant

FEBRUARY 9.

East Calder—The Institute—Public Meeting—Speaker, Miss Margaret Robertson, B.A.—Chair, Miss Lisa M. Gordon 8.0
Falkirk—Lauriston—Women's Meeting—Speaker, Miss Muriel Craigie

FEBRUARY 10.

Falkirk—Callander View, Laurieston—Drawing-room Meeting—Hostess, Mrs. Littlebury—Speaker, Miss Muriel Craigie

FEBRUARY 11.

Falkirk—Town Hall—Public Meeting—Speaker, Miss Lumsden, LL.D., and others 8.0

FEBRUARY 12.

Cupar—Miss Elder's Tea Rooms—Speaker, Mrs. Hunter (Secretary, National Vigilance Association of Scotland) 4.0—6.0

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